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AFTER 10 YEARS "DEAD" GIRL RESTORED TO PARENTS A MERCHANT'S DAUGHTER

Lost in Local Race Course Catastrophe in 1918
 KIDNAPPED AND THEN EDUCATED IN AMERICA

Poignant and full of pathos, a story is told below of how the daughter of a Chinese resident was presumed to have perished ten years ago in the terrible Race Course catastrophe and then to have found her parents after being educated and brought up by a foster-father in another continent!

In one or two respects, the narrative reads like one of the many at home concerning men who served in the War, were officially posted missing or dead, and then restored after a long interval to their kin. Loss of memory, generally from shell shock, was responsible in most of those cases.

Not so in this. The poor girl was terrified and in dire fear for her life. She was kidnapped, taken out of Hong Kong, sold to a merchant who bore the same surname as herself, sent to school in America, and then promised in marriage to a young student, before she forced a crisis to secure a passage back to China.

IN FEAR FOR HER LIFE

[By a Special Correspondent of the Hong Kong Mail]

Just before the fifth race (that is, the first after the tiffin interval) on the second day of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's annual four days' race meeting at Happy Valley, when turfites were still talking about a sensational Derby which had been run a little earlier, a catastrophe occurred, the official estimate of deaths in which was placed at over 600. As a matter of fact, more than 2,000 names were recorded at a memorial service organised by a Chinese merchant prince who was one of many bereaved.

Prior to 1919, a row of matched booths several hundred feet long—of one, two or three storeys—was erected for the public at the big meeting. It stood in a line more or less parallel to that part of the course extending from the paddock to near the six furlongs post. Frank Haytor's pitch is behind the old site. The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's house (which was burned down) was between the stands and the Monument.

For some reason or other, the row of over 20 stands suddenly collapsed like the proverbial pack of cards, first quivering in the middle, swaying to one side, falling down towards that end, and then bringing down the other half as well.

Feats of Heroism
 So soon as a few heads showed through the palm roofing and a few who were not pinned down had clambered out, smoke began to filter through, followed very shortly afterwards by flames belching skyward.

A number of cooked food stalls under the rows of stands was the cause. In about ten minutes, all the stands were ablaze. Hundreds of rescuers besieged the burning structure. A military relief cordon was thrown around by Colonel John Ward, M.P., who was then here on War service. Many feats of heroism were performed, but many race-goers lost their lives, the majority in the fire, and the remainder from injuries through being crushed.

The present row of "public" stands, of reinforced concrete, outside the paddock gate, used only at the annual meeting, was subsequently built, following a prolonged inquiry into the disaster. I think Mr. Justice Wood (the Puisne Judge now on leave) and a special jury officiated at the inquest.

Relative's Testimony
 On the "first floor" of No. 11 stand, known as the Cheung Lee booth, with lighted stoves beneath and another booth on top, were Mr. Chan Fai, the well-known property broker and dealer, his wife, and his eldest daughter, Miss Chan Kam-loy, then nine years old.

ately he encountered his wife outside No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, she having left the house again to seek him and the daughter.

A relative told them that night that he had positively extricated Miss Chan, she being on top of him, and had then crawled out after her, but she was nowhere to be seen.

Big Reward Offered
 Now, of course, it is known that the little girl ran as fast as her legs would carry her away from the awful scene. Before she had got out of the race track a man came up to her, took her by the hand, and said he would escort her home.

The kidnapper and his victim boarded a tram, going to Kennedy Town. There the girl stayed several days, under surveillance, not daring to protest because the man had threatened to kill her. From Kennedy Town, they went to Macao and then to Canton, where, after several months, the rogue sold her to a Mr. Chan, who was in business in San Francisco, and had returned to China for a visit.

Meanwhile the distracted parents, assuming that the only explanation was that their child had lost her way—and suspecting foul play—reported to the Police; and to this day her photo is still in the Police records.

Never Gave Up Hope
 Her portrait was also published widely in advertisements, and the Police of Canton and Macao were communicated with. A handsome reward was offered for news of her, dead or alive.

And, in spite of all this, the purchaser managed to take her to America, passing through Hong Kong, where emigrants, especially of the fair sex, are invariably searchingly questioned.

Miss Chan tells me that she was so frightened that she studiously committed to memory the lies with which she was primed. She had had a taste of the brutality of her kidnapper who had passed her off as his daughter; and she did not then know the kind intentions of her foster-father.

For a few years, Mr. Chan Fai persevered, never giving up hope. He went up-country on the faintest rumour, and made enquiries everywhere. He even went to the extent of paying for information periodically from women go-betweens who make a living in the trade in children.

"Americanised"
 Then came the property boom in which Mr. Chan amassed a large fortune. Out of his profits he set aside an appreciable sum for further investigation.

THE KING GRADUALLY IMPROVING "AIR OF CONFIDENCE"

NO AFTERNOON BULLETIN: "QUIET DAY"

A FAVOURABLE COURSE
 London, Yesterday, 8 p.m.
 A British Wireless message states:

No bulletin was issued this afternoon regarding the King, it being intimated that no further would be given until this evening. This is regarded as an indication that the King continues to make good if slow progress and that the doctors are satisfied with the course of events.

The favourable turn in His Majesty's condition, coming as it has done on the eve of Christmas, has relieved public anxiety and created a more cheerful outlook generally.

The Counsellors of State, appointed by the King during his illness, held a Privy Council at Buckingham Palace, H.M. the Queen presiding.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of York, the Prime Minister, Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Chancellor were the other counsellors present together with the Home Secretary (Sir Wm. Joynson Hicks).

A certain number of matters arising out of the adjournment of Parliament was settled apart from routine business.

Quiet Day
 The bulletin issued to-night states that the King has had a quiet day. The local and general condition is still very slow, though taking a favourable course.

Signed: Hewitt, Rigby and Dawson of Penn.

Air of Confidence
 Reuter states:—
 To-night for the first time since the King's illness developed seriously an air of confidence is noticeable at the palace.

The progress the King has been making has been very slow and it must be some little time before complete confidence can be felt, but the anxiety of the past fortnight is now allayed considerably.

Gramophone Record
 By special permission of H.M. the King the Columbia Graphophone Company is issuing for private circulation a gramophone record of His Majesty's last public utterance before his illness—his speech at the opening of the new Tyne Bridge. The record will be preserved in the British Museum.

COURT HOLIDAYS

Except public and general holidays, the offices of the Supreme Court will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas Vacation which lasts from Dec. 24 to Jan. 1, both days inclusive, excepting as to holding of Criminal Sessions.

Miss de Coular's "Commonwealth Gramophone" raffle has been won with ticket No. 842, in the name of "Arthur Manuel Tamagnini Barboza."

come "Americanised" and had become engaged, at the instance of her foster-father, to a student named Mul.

Objections were raised when she broached the question of coming back. Obstacles were placed in her way, the Mr. Chan of San Francisco indignantly refusing to hear of her returning to the worthless scamp who had posed as her father.

Tearful Reunion
 Miss Chan, now 10 years of age, sought the intervention and assistance of a body of benevolent American ladies. Facilities were placed in her way and she sailed from San Francisco last month.

Not having been allowed by her foster-father to communicate with the man who had advertised on behalf of her father, Miss Chan was unable either to obtain her parents' address in Hong Kong or to procure help. Nothing daunted, she appeared at her parents' house in Kowloon the day after arrival—and I, who had taken a small part in the hunt for her, was having a tiffin there. Needless to say, there was a tearful, but very, very happy reunion.

SAVED FROM PAUPER GRAVE

WAI SHEUNG
 ENGLISHMAN PROVIDES COFFIN AND PAYS FOR GRAVE

BODY COMING TO HONG KONG
 London, Yesterday.

At Keswick (in the North of England) the body of Wai Sheung, the murdered bride of Chang Yimiao, has been exhumed by Mr. Walter Swinburne, who saved the body from a pauper's grave by providing a plain oak coffin and paying for a grave.

The coffin has been placed in a lead shell which is enclosed in another oak coffin and sent to Birkenhead to-day for shipment to Hong Kong in view of reinterment—Reuter.

SHIPPING FEES

NEW SCALE FOR SURVEY AND INSPECTION
 OLD SCHEDULE RESCINDED

New regulations under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (No. 10 of 1899) to come into force on New Year's Day—are announced in the "Gazette" and part 1 of Table

XMAS MAIL AT 5 P.M. TO-MORROW

The P. and O. s.s. "Kalyan," which is bringing the Christmas mail from Home (and also, incidentally, a number of brides-to-be) has been delayed on account of bad weather and will not arrive until 5 p.m. to-morrow. The vessel leaves at 4 p.m. on Monday.

LOCAL PRISONS

FINGER PRINTS AND MEASUREMENTS
 REMISSIONS EARNED

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 ALLEGED CORRUPTION

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CONSULS WARNED BY GENERALS

"RIVER IS MINED!"
 YANG SEN AND ALLY AGAINST CHUNGKING

BOYCOTT OF BRITISH SHIPS
 At Chungking (the Treaty port highest up the Yangtze, 1,400 miles from the sea), the local Generals have issued a notification to the Consular Body to the effect that the River waters have been mined. This is the outcome of another outbreak of war earlier this week, in which danger threatened an A.P.C. installation and a British vessel, necessitating the despatch of H.M.S. "Tern" to the scene.

It now transpires, states a Royal Naval communiqué, that General Yang Sen is on the attacking side (as indicated in yesterday's "China Mail"). He is on the side of General Liu Hsiang (whom he has fought several times during the last two years) and, so far, Liu Hsiang has been successful against Lo Tsu-chow, who bars the way up-river (westward) to Chungking, but has met with reverses.

The Hankow Club
 At Hankow, on the Mid-Yangtze, police of the Special Administrative District No. 3 (the ex-British Concession) continue to guard the Hankow Club against the threat of illegal interference by the Hankow Wine Tax Bureau, officials of which still insist on examining the stock of wines in the Club.

At Ichang, which is above Hankow but outside the zone of hostilities, the boycott of British shipping, instigated by the local Anti-Japanese Boycott Society, continues.

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IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

If it is true that "gentlemen prefer blondes," then the dark girls do not have all the fun of the fair.

A Peking correspondent speaks of the "famine belt" in China. ... This is the belt, evidently, that you take in a couple of holds.

Cinema poster: "Why Sailors go Wrong." ... Too many "Is," perhaps!

Weekly Wellerism:—"I am an exceptionally well-balanced man," as the wire-walker said.

"Queer but Quaint."—Headline in daily. ... Strange but strange.

A Turf writer tells us that the previous generation betted more heavily than the present. Our elders and betters!

"The Literary Editor," the "Sunday Herald."—Address on envelope containing a hopeful author's contribution. ... Even to look at the manuscript within seemed like taking a mean advantage.

"Henry Ford believes in reincarnation," we read. ... With the accent on the "car"?

"No Fight Until Marriage!" screams a headline. ... It isn't usual to begin the scrapping before the ceremony.

Dr. Voronoff has grafted a gland to a famous racehorse. And this is not the only grafting that goes on in connection with racing.

"A million homes wanted." There now! And there's no end of a fuss if you have just one in Hong Kong and one in Kowloon.

"There are twins in nearly every street in Tooting," says a newspaper. They ought to spell it "Two-ting" now.

"The best men have something feminine about them," remarks Lady Nelsi. ... Yes; and that little something feminine is always about them!

Giving notice of his forthcoming marriage to the registrar at Los Angeles, Mr. John Barrymore said he had been married and divorced twice before. ... Why not call him "Mr. Marrymore"?

A well-known society woman rests at her country cottage during the week-end. ... A kind of cottage loaf?

From a novel. "As she entered her eyes swept the room." ... Out of date. They have vacuum cleaners now.

"A publisher's dilemma is invariably:—'The Bodleian.' ... Being, apparently, whether or not he should read his proofs to see whether words like 'dilemma' have been spelt right.

"A remand was granted in the case of —, charged with being in unlawful possession of seventy-one pears valued at £7,000."—Liverpool paper. ... Yet they continue to advise us to "Eat More Fruit."

"Another type of microphone which has been successfully developed consists of two metal sheets separated by a distance of only three or four miles."—Popular Wireless. ... Most suited to experimenters who own farms in the great open spaces.

Taipei has again been honoured by the presence in the Harbour of one of H.M.'s latest type Cruisers H.M.S. "Cumberland." ... She did not spend a great deal of time at anchor on account of the two Pilot Fire flies from the Anopheles Maternity Home getting aboard with their convoy of followers.

THE DEATH OF MARSHAL CADORINA
 Rome, Yesterday.
 The death is announced of Marshal Cadorina.—Reuter.

"Hippo Charges a Train." ... Yes; but how much?

"Birmingham Boxing," says a headline. That city always did think it could knock out anybody.

A young Mayoress says that she is quite tired of speaking in public. "In public," you notice.

Sir William Horwood says that the policeman's uniform is a prevention of crime. ... Most people think it a crime in itself.

According to an evening paper, the "firting" handkerchief has made its appearance in the ballroom. ... More of our girls' hankie-pankie tricks!

"I saw Mr. Bernard Shaw take a flying leap into a Kensington-bound bus the other day," says a gossip-writer. ... Apparently Mr. Bernard Shaw had seen the gossip first.

The optician goes into business "on spec."

"No 13th Brides," says a headline. Yes; it's unlucky to marry more than twelve women.

It took a dozen men to produce a song and dance show. Many hands make a "light work!"

Describing a riverside club, a writer says: "The shaded lawn slopes down to the river." ... So do the members on a fine day.

"Why can't women have medals?" asks an indignant feminist. ... Because they are content with claps, of course!

At the Chelsea Arts Club Ball, it is announced, women may wear "what they please." ... So they will, being contrary, wear what pleases them!

"All motor buses stop at the Genuine Military Hospital, 2nd Floor, Pinn's Arcade, 39, Adderley-street. Why?"—Advertisement. ... Not "why?" but how?

"Change the word 'East' into 'win' in eight moves, making a simple dictionary word each time.—Answer: East, fast, fact, fare, fire, fine, wine, wind." ... And still we haven't done it.

"The harvest mouse is only 234 ins., long, of which 2 ins. are tail."—"Daily Express." ... It should be classed with the serpents.

"As an ornamental stone if (the diamond) was highly esteemed during the early times of the Roman Empire." ... The Roman Empire will have been formed of those nomadic tribes so well known in history.

"Why is the White House painted white?"—General knowledge? question. ... Dead easy—to make it white, of course.

"Man without pity is worst than dead."—Indian patent medicine advertisement in Pictorial paper, marked "copyright reserved." ... A sentence like that ought to be copyright.

A well-known novelist's hobby is gardening. ... Well, people who live by fiction ought to cultivate their plots.

"The colony started off with high ideals, but disputes arose. The land was not cultivated by some of the settlers, and the scheme gradually failed, the colony being disbanded." ... Ideals and low deals, in fact.

"When American stars come to this country the Press representatives of their companies are obliged enough to try and teach us poor scribes how to get on with our jobs."—Arthur C. Findon in the "Sunday Dispatch." ... Evidently they do not succeed if the course includes an attempt to "teach" us poor scribes' English.

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Hong Kong, Dec. 21, 1928.

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

25th, 26th, 27th February and
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Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1928.

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AT PEAK SCHOOL

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KIDDIES ENTERTAIN

Yesterday was prize-giving day of the Peak School, and the ceremony was performed by Mrs. W. T. Southern, wife of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, at the Peak Club, in the presence of a large gathering of parents of the young pupils of the school.

Amongst those present were Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education and Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools.

Before the distribution of prizes, an excellent programme of entertainment was presented by the little ones. This included Action Songs by the younger pupils, an interesting item called "Advertisements" in which the children sang the praise of Dairy Farm milk, Oxo, Glaxo, etc., and a pretty Toys Ballet.

The performance was very creditable, and spoke of careful training on the part of the teachers. A feature which was favourably commented upon was the programmes of the "show" done by the pupils themselves. These bore on the covers pretty little coloured drawings of geese, dancing girls, etc., some of which were exceptionally well executed.

The Report
Miss P. Y. Stark, the headmistress read the annual report as follows:—

The School opened on January 9 with 82 pupils and closed on December 21 with 62 pupils. There was the usual exodus in March and April and the number on the roll by May was 61.

Early in January Whooping Cough broke out and by the 27th of that month, School had to be closed for a time.

In September, there was one case of Diphtheria and at the end of November one other case. The school has been visited by the Medical Officer, Dr. Stancliff, from time to time and the children thoroughly examined—the parents being notified of any defects.

Staff

Miss Hendry was lent us in January to replace Mrs. Lambert who was away on account of Whooping Cough.

In March, Miss Anderson went on Home leave. Mrs. Mackintosh was appointed Temporary Assistant Mistress to replace her.

At the end of the Summer term Mrs. Lambert went Home. In September Miss Benson was appointed Temporary Assistant Mistress to fill Mrs. Lambert's place. In November, Miss Cotton replaced Miss Benson and Miss Anderson resumed duty having returned from leave.

Work
Throughout the year the Classes worked steadily and well. The examination results were satisfactory and a number of pupils were entered for the Royal Drawing Society Examination in June. Of the 20 entrants 14 passed and 2 obtained Honours. Some of these Certificates have already been given to children who went home in September.

Thanks are due to Miss Acheson who wrote the words for the Crever Advertisement Display you have just seen. Also we have to thank Taikoo Dock for the excellent "Blue Funnel" and "Treacle Tin" they gave us. The Staff must also be thanked for their willing co-operation throughout the year.

Mrs. W. T. Southern gave away the prizes and at the conclusion, in a brief speech, expressed the pleasure it gave her to be asked to attend a function which was essentially a children's party. She also commented on the happy atmosphere which pervaded the school.

Prize Winners

The following were the prize winners:—

Class 10, Division A.—Hugh Cassidy, Yvonne Davenport-Brown, Robin Mackintosh, Anne Marcel, June Perry, Jacqueline Thomson, and Oliver Womack.

Class 10, Division B.—Geoffrey Partlett, Dorothy Carpenter, Joy Carrie, Brian Clarke, Joan Douglas, Ian Douglas, Peggy Greenhill, Margaret Henderson, Justine Marcel, Gerald Monaghan, Wolfgang Ortlepp, and Helen Sanger.

Class 9, Division B.—Class 1st Prize: Mary Frances Wallace and Wolfgang Schram; Special Drawing Prize donated by Messrs. Reeve and Sons through Messrs. Der A. Wing; Jimmy Mackenzie.

Class 9, Division A.—Class Prizes: 1st, Pamela Glencross; 2nd, Doreen Bowes-Smith; Drawing Prize: Gordon Dunnett.

Class 8.—Class Prize: Anne Cookes.

Class 7, Preparatory.—Class Prizes: 1st, Helen Lindsell; 2nd, Audrey Newhouse; Drawing Prizes: 1st, Malloch Starke; 2nd, Richard Cassidy.

Class 7.—Class Prize: 1st, Kathleen Wolfe; 2nd, Marshall Draper; Drawing Prizes: 1st, Doreen Hynes; 2nd, Kathleen Wright; Progress Prize: Oskar Bitzer.

Class 6.—Class Prize: Elaine Prayer.

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There are reports of weddings, school functions (also 'Varsity exam results), Church meetings, the "Phil's" production of "Tom Jones" and of a host of other topics.

Questions were asked in the House of Commons several times during the last few days in regard to China and Japan. Britain's policy, in official wording, is stated in the "Overland."

Up-country, there has been an historic campaign against the bandits of Ku Tau Mountains, who have held that stronghold for decades. A graphic description of the fight appears in the "Overland."

Adding further variety to the "Overland" is the news concerning a number of family fortunes which have been the subject of Court decisions. Reports of Criminal Sessions trials have also been included.

The batch of local and topical pictures in the "Overland" is well worth sending Home and to friends and business connections in other parts of the world.

RESIDENTS BACK FROM LEAVE

Many residents have just returned to Hong Kong after holidays at Home and elsewhere. For the first few days one's conscience can be calmed by thoughts that time is needed to unpack and to get settled down again. Then that letter must go.

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THE INTERNAL-COMBUSTION
ENGINE
ITS REQUIREMENTS

A paper on "Lubricating Oils" was read by Mr. Hector F. Polson at a meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Association of Foremen Engineers and Draughtsmen, held in Glasgow.

After dealing with the origin and the refining of mineral oils in various countries, Mr. Polson spoke of the suitability of different grades of oil for the lubrication of machinery. The lubrication of steam turbines, he said, was circulatory, except in some small units, and the requirements of a turbine oil, other than viscosity, might be summed up in the word "stability." A turbine oil must be selected to withstand the slow oxidation effects of continual aeration and circulation at the intermediate temperatures pre-

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STEVEDORES' CLAIM

Judgment was given at the Liverpool Assizes, in an action in which Messrs. W. H. Rhodes and Son, Ltd., master stevedores and master porters, of Water-street, Liverpool, claimed an indemnity from the Towage and Shipowning and Salvage Company, of Hamburg, the owners of the steamer "Bille," in respect of an amount of £789 7s. 6d., paid under the Workmen's Compensation Act to one of their employees, who was injured on the ship in the course of his employment.

Evidence had already been given that the injuries which the man sustained were caused through the breaking of a leading block which was used for the purpose of toppling a derrick on the ship, and which it was alleged, had not been

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vailing in turbine lubrication. At the present time the requirements were generally believed to be best satisfied by a North American low gravity oil, although it was possible by improved refining methods to produce oils equally suitable for lubrication from other crudes.

On examination of the lubrication requirements of the various types of the internal-combustion engine it was realised that all these presented the same requirements, with the exception that crank-case fuel dilution must receive consideration in dealing with petrol-paraffin engines. It had been shown in practice that in the vast majority of cases one oil would successfully lubricate both the cylinders and the bearings, and the requirements of such an oil were principally viscosity. Air compressors required oil similar to that suitable for internal-combustion engines, except that the temperatures reached in the cylinders were not so high.

He advised all draughtsmen when designing any type of machine to give the question of lubrication serious consideration. The success or failure of a machine might depend on its efficient and economical lubrication. Mechanical lubricators should be fitted wherever possible. A drip-feed lubricator might give the correct number of drops per minute when full, but only about two-thirds of the correct supply when quarter full. Excessive wear would take place as a consequence and the lubricating oil would probably get the blame. Syphon lubrication should not be arranged for when a high viscosity lubricant was required, as only low viscosity lubricants would syphon efficiently.

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The L.M. and S. have introduced at Avonmouth a new type of bulk grain van, which is a vast improvement on the old type of open railway wagon, which had to be sheeted to be protected from the weather. The new carriers are constructed of metal, and their carrying capacity is 20 tons. At the top are sliding doors, through which the loose grain is poured, while windows are fitted to enable the contents of the vehicle to be seen. When fully loaded the sliding doors, which fit perfectly, are drawn into position, and thus adequate protection of the grain is afforded during its transit from docks to destination. The capacity is just double that of the majority of the old type of open wagon, while the necessity of sheeting is also an important matter, as the vans can be despatched immediately they have been loaded.

properly inspected by the ship-owners, who had provided the gear for the use of the plaintiffs' workmen in unloading the ship.

Witnesses were called for the defendants to the effect that the gear in question had been periodically inspected, the last time being only a month before the accident.

Mr. Justice Humphreys, in summing up to the jury, pointed out the absolute contradiction of evidence on the part of certain witnesses for the plaintiffs and for the defendants, and said that if shipowners provided tackle for the use of persons coming on board their ship for a lawful purpose, it was incumbent upon them to see that it was in a reasonably safe condition to be used for the purpose for which it was intended. His Lordship commented on the fact that it had been admitted by witnesses for the defendants that there had been no test of this particular block beyond taking it apart and cleaning it, and it had been suggested by the plaintiffs' counsel that there should be periodical testing by the use of weights, in order to ascertain whether the tackle would bear the strain which it might be called upon to do.

Without leaving the box, the jury found a verdict for the plaintiffs with costs.

SWEDEN'S OUTPUT

After the drop in Sweden's industrial production, resulting from the labour troubles in the early part of the year, output has progressively increased, and in some cases the speeding up has been remarkably quick, owing to the attempts of the industries to make up for the losses incurred during the first part of the year. Thus, in spite of the fact that the dispute at the iron mines was not settled until the end of August, the production figures from the month of May have been considerably higher this year than during the same period of 1927. The index of production of the "Svensk Kinnastidning" for September registers the index figure of 119 against 117 for September last year (taking as a basis the volume of production in 1923-4 at 100). The largest increase is shown by the iron ore industry with 170. The pulp industry comes second with 146, while the average index number of raw materials and industrial necessities was 124. The favourable September figures are partly explained by the fact that that month was the first one in 1928 entirely free from labour troubles.

COAL COMBINE

PROPOSAL FOR VOLUNTARY
LIQUIDATION

CAMBRIAN MOVE

Cardiff.—It is proposed to voluntarily wind up colliery companies controlled by the Consolidated Cambrian, Ltd., of Cardiff. It is pointed out that the liabilities incurred prevent a continuance of the business. The shareholders have received a circular calling an extraordinary general meeting, to consider the resolution, and that Sir Gilbert Garnsey be appointed liquidator.

The Cambrian Collieries, Ltd., together with the Glamorgan Coal Co., Ltd., Naval Colliery Co. (1897), Ltd., and Britannic-Merthyr Coal Co., Ltd., are in the "Cambrian Combine" formed by the late Lord Rhonda, the bulk of the shares of the four companies being held by Consolidated Cambrian, Ltd., which was formed as a holding company. The liquidation does not affect the holding company.

A similar circular has also been sent to shareholders in the Duffryn Aberdare Colliery Co., Ltd., the capital of which is held by the Cambrian and Glamorgan companies. In all, there are 18 pits

and nearly 8,000 men. The naval pits were stopped recently, but the fate of the other collieries, which are still working, is not at present settled.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS

H.M.S. "Suffolk," after firing the salutes when Sir Miles Lampson presented his credentials at Nanking, left Nanking yesterday for Shanghai.

H.M.S. "Sterling" and H.M.S. "Stormcloud" of the 8th Destroyer Flotilla, left Shanghai yesterday for Hong Kong.

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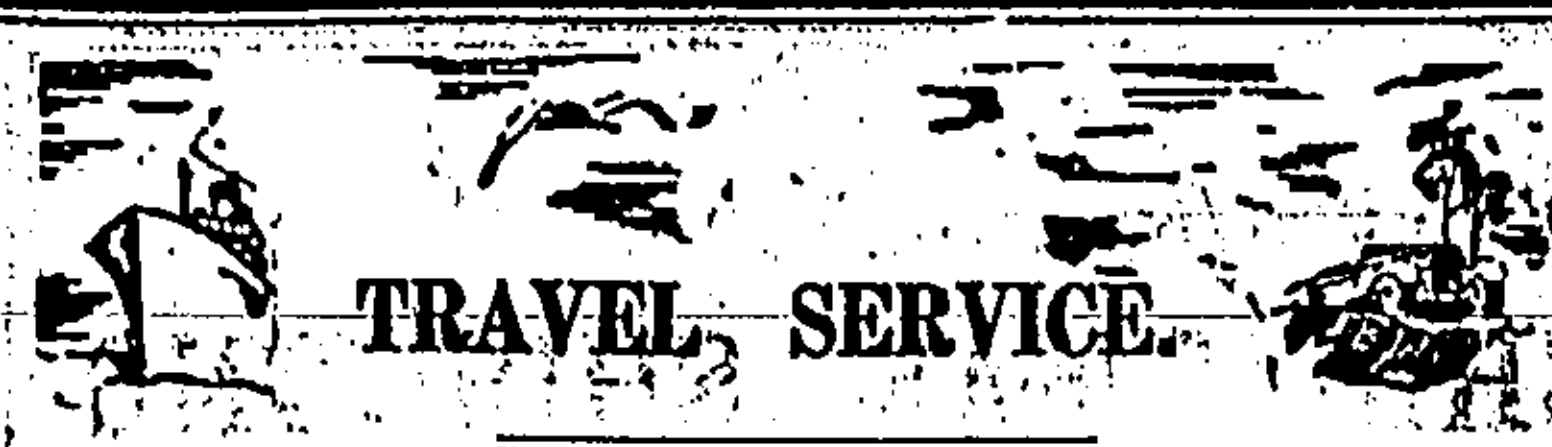
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Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, Mr. K. Kirpalani, Capt. J. Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. Gleason, Mr. D. Walmsley, Capt. F. Hodgkinson, Mr. A. Narayanan, Mr. G. Oatlander, Mr. J. Gunder, Mr. K. Yamamoto, Mr. T. Morimoto, Mr. H. MacTaggart, Mr. W. Riddell, Mrs. M. K. Stein, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. C. Johns, Mr. A. Brooke, Mr. F. Tozer, Capt. R. Abercrombie, Mr. M. Erskine, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Ramsay, Carr, Mr. G. Holmes, Miss M. Laird, Miss L. Shoop, Miss and Master Henry, Mr. L. Brownell, Mr. J. Fry, Mr. Isherwood, Mr. C. Coghill, Miss G. Farnell, Col. G. R. Rice, Capt. F. Maddox, F. L. G. Bain, Mr. G. Sukhandas, Brig.-Gen. Woodroffe, Capt. G. Bayes-Davey, Mrs. and Miss Hooper, Mrs. Bruce, Lt.-Comdr. O'Connell, Mr. H. Lowry, Mr. F. Judson, Mr. A. Miller, Lt. R. Harrison, Mr. G. Franklin, Mr. C. Carey, Miss F. Ware, Miss T. Argent, Mr. A. Honnor, Mr. and Mrs. Master Boyack, the three Misses Boyack, and child, Mr. W. Jones, Mr. R. Watkins, Mr. R. Bloor, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. J. Scott, Mr. J. McKnight, Mr. T. Gray.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers booked by the s.s. "Empress of Asia" to Manila from Hong Kong yesterday included:—

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The lifeboat containing the bodies of two men was subsequently driven ashore, bottom up, and later the bodies of ten of the crew were washed ashore.

The boat was returning to and had almost made Rye Harbour when it capsized. Messages were sent to Hastings and to Eastbourne, but owing to the heavy seas, it was found impossible to render any aid. The crew of the "Alice" were picked up by the German steamer "Smyrna."

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BOILERMAKERS' SOCIETY STATEMENT

In the November report of the Boilermakers' Society, the general secretary, Mr. John Hill, says that at a recent launch a well-known shipowner stated that ships were being better employed, that foreign trade was opening up, and that, by next year, trade would be good enough to satisfy everybody. That was a sweeping prophecy, but they would require more evidence of this big turn in the tide of trade before they could accept it. The change, however, could not come too early.

Referring to the Census of Production for 1924, Mr. Hill says that in shipbuilding the number of persons employed on the productive side was less in 1924 than in 1927. The administrative and clerical staff was increased by 66 per cent. When the employers told them that the industry could not afford a living wage for their members, who were actually producing the ships and boilers, the union replied stating that their administrative costs required examination. The official figures now published supported the union's contention that it was not wages paid to producers but administrative costs which accounted for the reduction in profits.

These figures were sufficient in themselves, says Mr. Hill, to show that whatever was wrong with the industry it was certainly not because too high wages were paid to the workmen for the value given. The question was how to arrive at what was a fair division of the values produced as between employers and workmen. At present five craft unions (the Shipwrights, Painters, Electricians, Woodworkers and Plumbers) were negotiating for reflation to the Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades Federation, but it should be pointed out that the Boilermakers' Society was not a party to these negotiations, as had been reported.

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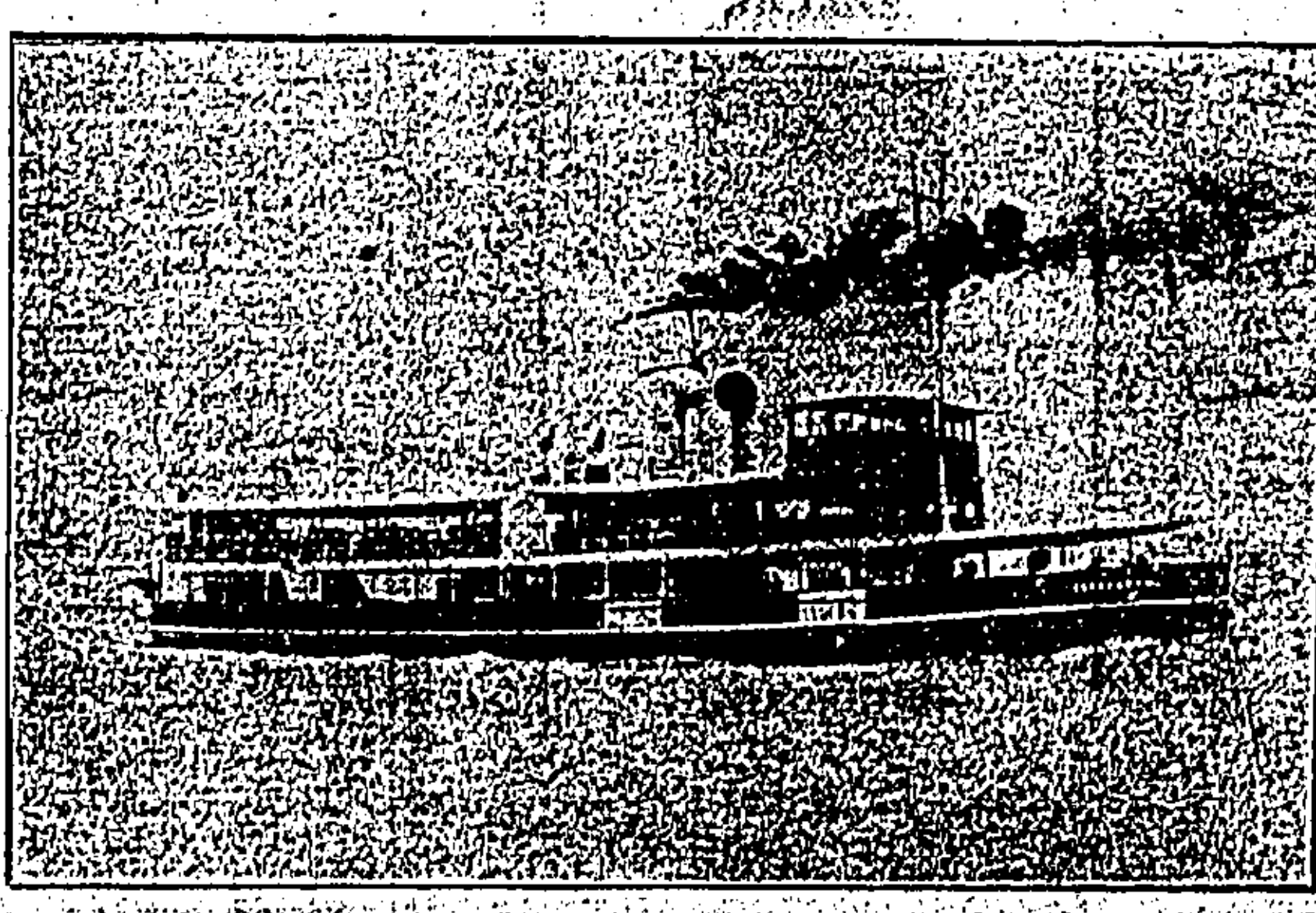
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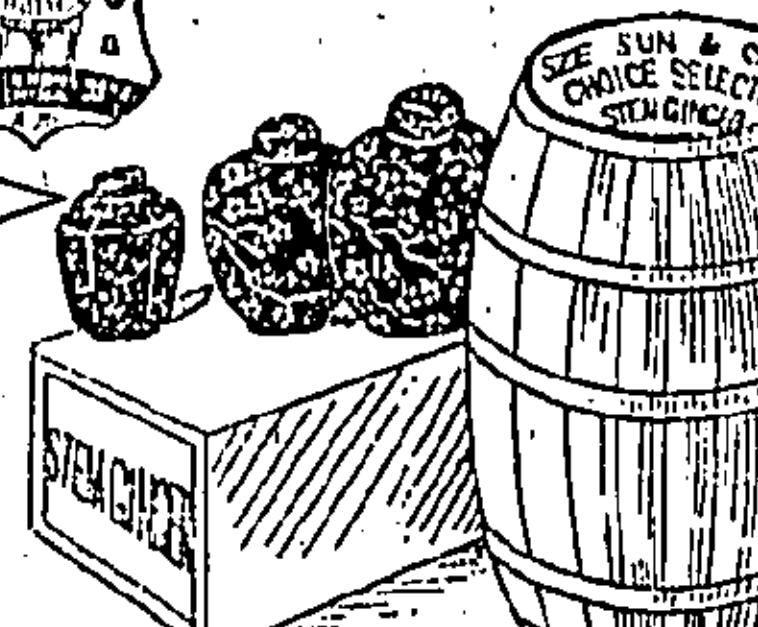
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STILL WATERS

Whilst in the bus the other day there was overheard a timely tribute to the Press in its extreme moderation in dealing with the small-pox epidemic, compared with the increasing restiveness of some people whose habits fringe the district in Kowloon from which the majority of the cases have been reported. Elsewhere it has been experienced that the health authorities deem it part of their business under like circumstances to warn the Press against endangering or encouraging a panic and to "go slow" in the matter of display of epidemic news, particularly headlines. It may be that the Press here needs not such official admonitions or that officialdom—a word much used by a learned counsel in the recent Treasury fraud case—is too busily engaged in coping with the outbreak of small-pox to spare a moment to think of the publicity side of the matter. In any event it is facts that count, and one fact is that the epidemic is getting worse, in spite of the numerous free vaccinations being undertaken by the members of St. John Ambulance Brigade (regarding which more anon). Judging only from the number of bodies of Chinese victims of small-pox found dumped on the streets it must appear to the layman that it is time that a cordon were drawn round the area most affected and a house-to-house search for small-pox patients made by the staff of the Sanitary Board. Elsewhere this plan has been found to have most effective results in limiting the radius affected, but there are difficulties here not present elsewhere. Where is the line of demarcation to be drawn, for instance, between Yau-mat, Mongkok, and Sham-shuipo which topographically forms one huge district? The sanitary staff alone could not establish a cordon. They would have to be supplemented, voluntarily, by

members of St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Police and Police Reserve, the Boy Scouts, sections of the Volunteers, not forgetting the British and Indian regiments. Truly a Herculean task!

At the same time, apart from the publication of daily and weekly returns of small-pox cases and deaths it might be reassuring to have at least an occasional official statement as to the exact measures that have been adopted, and may still be adopted, to cope with an epidemic the seriousness of which to the whole community cannot be questioned. The resources of the Sanitary Department must of a surety be already overtaxed, thus justifying those who pointed out long ago that the personnel of European Inspectors was much too limited in ratio to the population. Extra work has doubtless been thrown on to the Police in dealing with the bodies of victims dumped on the streets. The members of St. John Ambulance Brigade are working wonders. And that is about all that the outside public know about the whole sad business of the outbreak. The latest figures of cases show undoubtedly what a hold the epidemic is gaining. Something reassuring is required to counteract the effect of those figures.

Following up their A Great campaign of free Record vaccinations last year, when the chances of an epidemic were very remote, the members of St. John Ambulance Brigade deserve the highest possible commendation for their splendid service of recent weeks. From December 3 to 21 the total number of free vaccinations performed by them was over 154,276. This works out at an average of 7,347 per day or 24 hours, or 306 per hour—a truly wonderful record for honorary workers in the cause of humanitarianism! It is to be devoutly hoped that each individual member will be immune from the terrible scourge until the epidemic is a thing of the past, when their great and valued work will most undoubtedly receive the well-earned "Well done, good and faithful servant" from His Excellency the Governor in the name and on behalf of the whole Colony.

It is a simple and A Word on almost natural Malaria step from small-pox to malaria. It has been stated that in some parts of the Colony mosquitoes at the moment are more numerous than at any previous time of this year. The unofficial members of the Sanitary Board seem unable to extract much information of real and practical value through the medium of questions, and the public is still to be content with a ghastly array of statistics in the annual medical report—the while that the mosquitoes take their toll of human life. After being asked to infer that the services of a malarialogist are unobtainable we have now the hint that one is not likely to be engaged until the new Medical Director, Dr. Wellington, arrives and has time to "dig himself in" and make himself conversant with

the local malarial problem. Which is, of course, good news for the mosquitoes which it is hoped to exterminate, but not assuredly for the victims of these pests and menaces to the public.

It is no small Dr. Wellington cause for wonder that the Press of Malaya is deploring the transfer of Dr. Arthur Robertes Wellington, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., (London), D.T.M. and H., D.P.H. (Cambridge), to Hong Kong. He was Medical Officer in Sarawak from 1905 to 1908; Port Medical Officer, Singapore, 1908; Health Officer, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, and Pahang, 1909; Health Officer, F.M.S., 1911; Acting Chairman, Sanitary Board, Kuala Lumpur, 1916, and has been Senior Health Officer, F.M.S., since 1919. Born in Canada on November 11, 1877, he will bring with him his long and intimate experience of the incidence of malaria on the rubber estates and tin mines of Malaya where a special Malaria Board was instituted some years ago to tackle this very vital matter affecting public health. Local Canadians will doubtless prepare to receive him with open arms, but the welcome to him will undoubtedly be much more embracing than that, if he sets out to reduce the appalling mortality from malaria in this Colony.

Mention of A Sporting Malaya serves as a Journalist reminder that a former Hong Kong journalist in the person of Mr. W. Arthur Wilson is back again as Editor of the "Malaya Tribune," Singapore. After editing that paper from 1919 to 1922 Mr. Wilson joined the "Malaya Mail," Kuala Lumpur, as Assistant Editor, returning to the "Tribune" in the Lion City barely three months ago. It may be recalled that he was on the staff of our junior morning contemporary from 1911 to 1913, and in 1912 was mile champion of this Colony. Besides athletics he takes a great interest in tennis and golf, as local followers of these games will remember.

The usual weekly whist drive will not be held on Boxing-Day at the Seamen's Institute, but on Christmas Day there will be a special Christmas service conducted by the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, to which all the boys of the Mercantile Marine are cordially invited. This item of news invokes the natural thought as to how the majority of the lads in khaki as well as the "Jacks" will spend Christmas Day here. This is the one day in the year when the greatest wave of Home sickness infects the warships and the barracks, for comparatively few outside the officers will have the satisfaction of being guests at a Christmas dinner. It is hard to say which will be the more neglected in this respect—the sailors or the soldiers. How few of our local residents will think of asking a sailor or a soldier to sample their Christmas pudding, and yet in time of trouble they look to the sailors and soldiers to ward and protect them. And yet a little thoughtfulness—that is all that is required—would ensure that some of our gallant defenders on sea and land would be welcomed and honoured guests even at family Christmas dinners or tiffins. The idea at least seems a happy one if it could only be put into effect—hence it is passed on "right now" for those of our local folk who pride themselves on their big hearts and their love of kin and kind. Perhaps in future years it may be possible for some organisation to be formed and specially charged with the pleasant task of "rationing" a Jack or a "Tommy" at every home where Christmas is celebrated.

Newspapers are often asked to help to solve the vexed question of "What to give" for Christmas presents. Correspondents, however, could be saved the trouble of "writing to the papers" if they would only remember that what is worth selling is worth advertising and what is worth advertising is worth buying. The advertising columns of the newspapers will hence supply the needed answer to the majority of queries. In this age when advertising has been brought to a fine art it does not pay to advertise anything but a real worth article, whether at Christmas or at any other time, whether at home or in Hong Kong. In a word, our readers cannot do better, when making up their list of Christmas presents, than have before them a copy of the "China Mail" or the "Sunday Herald." If this tip is followed we are on safe ground in wishing all our readers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

All truth is safe and nothing else is safe; and he who keeps back the truth, or withholds it from men, from motives of expediency, is either a coward or a criminal, or both.—Max Muller. Truth remains true, the fault's in the prover.—Browning.

The name of Mr. Valentine John Atkins has been added to the local list of authorised architects.

An Order-in-Council of H.M. the King, relating to extradition with France, is published in the "Gazette."

Messrs. D. Chellaram, silk dealers, forward a bright calendar for the new year depicting an Indian maid.

Mr. C. G. Perdue, assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, returned by the s.s. "President Jackson" yesterday.

The new rating valuation of 19 1/2 per cent. for Apichau (opposite Aberdeen village) is to take effect from New Year's Day.

Herr H. Gipperich has been recognised by the Hong Kong Government as acting Consul temporarily in charge of the local German Consulate.

As from Jan. 1, the minimum charge of 10 words for radio telegrams from Hong Kong to river and local coasting steamers will no longer be in force.

Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mr. M. P. Talati have been nominated to serve further periods of three years each on the Court of the University as from Jan. 1.

H.M. the King has not disallowed Ordinance No. 14 of 1928, passed by the Legislative Council recently to apply the sum of \$19,478,964 to the Public Service of 1929.

Seats may now be booked in advance for Signor Carpi's popular company, "The Parisian Revue" which commences a brief engagement at the Queen's Theatre tomorrow at 9.20 p.m.

A Chinese was this morning, at the Central Magistracy, fined \$50 or 6 weeks' jail, for being in possession of opium amounting to a little over a tael. Defendant pleaded that he had only just arrived here from Swatow and was therefore ignorant of "The Hong Kong law."

"Fazil," starring Charles Farrell and Greta Nissen, which has drawn excellent houses at the Queen's Theatre during the week is being screened for the last time to-day. "The Magic Flame," at the World Theatre (5.15 and 9.20 only), and "The Flame of the Yukon," at the Star, are also having their final showings to-day.

A robbery, incurring a total loss of about \$400 worth of jewellery and money, took place yesterday night, when four men entered and ransacked No. 139 Second-street, West Point. The premises are occupied by an oil merchant and, at the time of the outrage, only the merchant and his son occupied the flat. Central Police Station received a report of the affair soon after its occurrence, and are investigating. At present no arrests have been made.

A report of a robbery was received at the police station yesterday afternoon, to the effect that two armed men had entered No. 28 Li Po Lung-terrace, Kennedy Town, and made off with jewellery valued at about \$100. The robbery was effected in broad daylight, and the inmates of the flat state that the men gained access to the place under the pretext of desiring to rent rooms. A gold necklace, a pair of gold bangles and some clothing are included in the missing loot. The robbers made good their escape.

CORRESPONDENCE

VARSITY WOMEN: HOSTEL FOR LOCAL STUDENTS
(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—I enclose an appeal which we are making on behalf of a hostel for the Hong Kong University Women Undergraduates.

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The work developed, and after an appeal made by St. Stephen's Girls' College in 1922, the University opened its doors to women, granting them the full privilege of working for their degree.

The need for a Hostel for these women students almost immediately arose and was temporarily met by the Church Missionary Society who have for the time being rented a small house accommodating 14 students.

Owing to the uncertain tenure of the lease the present arrangement is precarious; the premises moreover are too small and the students are cramped for room. There is no possibility of accommodating more,—with the result that the increasing number of women students make the provision of a larger permanent Hostel an urgent necessity.

There is increasing demand on the part of women students to take part in all University activities—which demand should be encouraged to the full, so that the power to work with others, the capacity for team work, may be well developed while they are still at the University, seeing that later the opportunity may not so easily recur for them to learn to be public spirited.

With this in view it is now proposed to erect a permanent Hostel for women undergraduates to which all will be welcomed.

A meeting was called at Government House on October 29, through the generosity of Mrs. Southern, when the position was laid before the public for the first time, and an Organising Committee formed.

Before launching their appeal the Committee have thought it advisable to enquire into the accommodation needed by such a Hostel, and to estimate the cost of such a building.

Preliminary plans for a Hostel for 30 students have been made to enable an approximate figure of cost to be arrived at. It is proposed to give each student a bedroom-study, and provide a common room, library, dining room and warden's quarters. The Committee consider that the sum of \$120,000 is sufficient to meet all requirements.

It is hoped that this opportunity will be taken by many to show their interest in the higher education of women.

By subscribing sums for units as below, subscribers would have their names given to the units concerned thus perpetuating their memory, and their names inscribed on a suitable tablet in a conspicuous place.

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All subscriptions should be paid to the joint Hon. Treasurers, Chev. J. M. Alves, 1a, Chater-road, and Mr. T. N. Chau, 8, Queen's-road West.

The Organising Committee of the Women's University Hostel consists of the following members:—

Chairman: Colonel R. B. Skinner, O.B.E., Lady Ho Tung, Miss E. S. Atkins, Mrs. Bridge, Mrs. Greasy, Miss W. I. Griffin, Mrs. E. M. Minett, M.D., Mrs. Skinner, The Very Rev. Dean Swann, The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, The Rev. C. B. Shaw, Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., Chev. J. M. Alves (Joint Treasurer), Mr. S. Boxer, Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, Mr. Tang Siu-kin, Mr. T. N. Chau (Hon. Secretary and Joint Treasurer).

QUEER AFFAIR

The case in which the managing partner of the China Ladies' Hairdressing Salon, of Kaya-mally, Building, was summoned by two women for assault was dismissed by Major C. Willson, O.B.E., yesterday.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, Jr., appeared for the complainant, and Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented the defence.

A cross-summons for breach of the peace was taken out. One of the complainants was alleged to be an employee of the shop and she further claimed for wages. This summons was adjourned sine die.

PEARL EXHIBITION

Mr. Kodaka arrived recently with a wonderful collection of exquisite pearls and pearl jewellery mounted in platinum, gold and silver. He opened his yearly exhibition at Messrs. Komor and Komor's art rooms, Chater-road and will continue to exhibit them for a few days more. The name of Kodaka is a guarantee that an excellent display of pearls will be on view. This is a unique opportunity to purchase a Christmas present in the shape of pearls at a price never before offered in Hong Kong.

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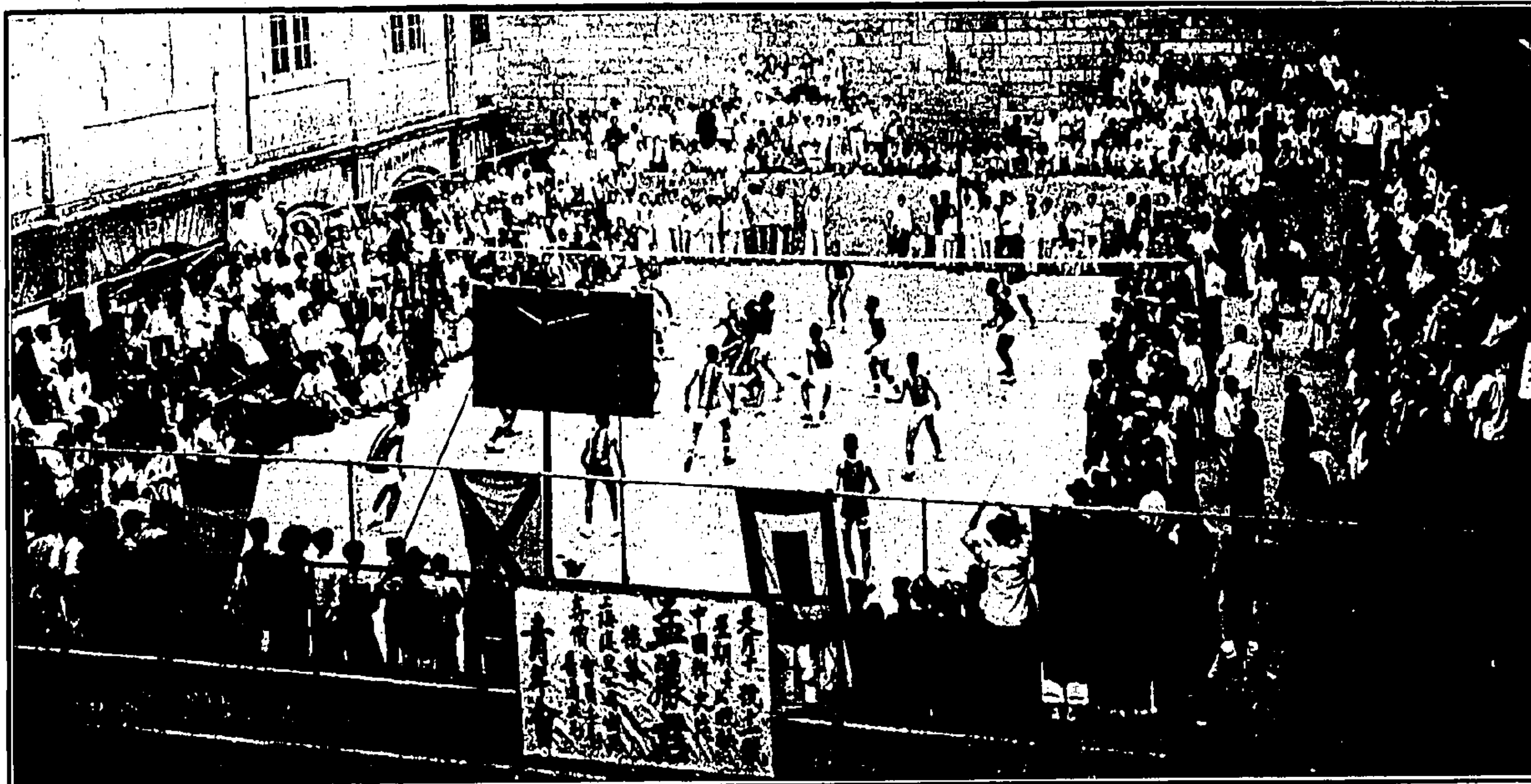
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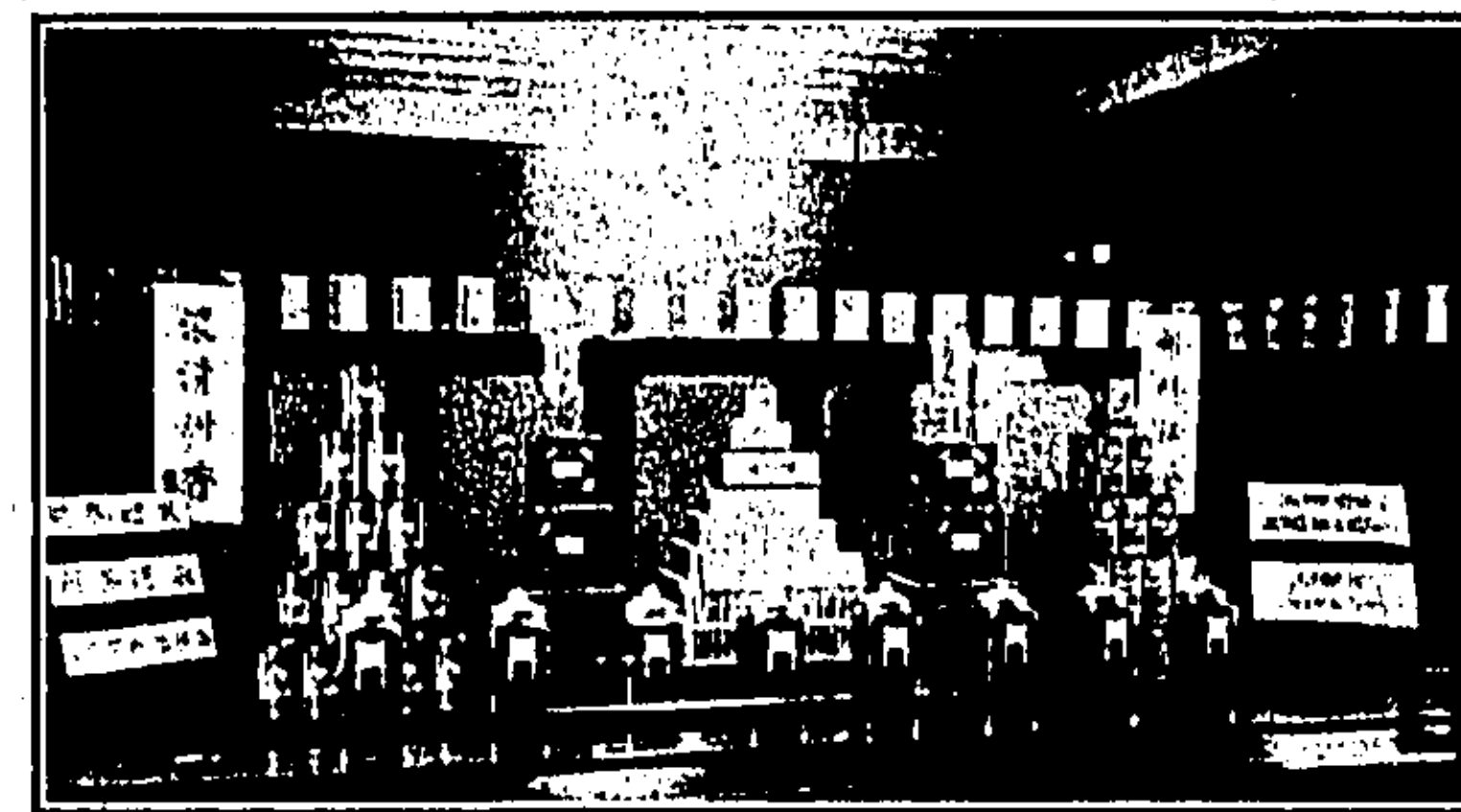
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FINAL OF THE STUDENTS VOLLEY BALL LEAGUE.—In the open-air ground of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, Bridges-street, Hong Kong. Play during the last match of the season. St. Paul's College beat King's College in two games out of three, the final score being 21-15.—(A. Fong).

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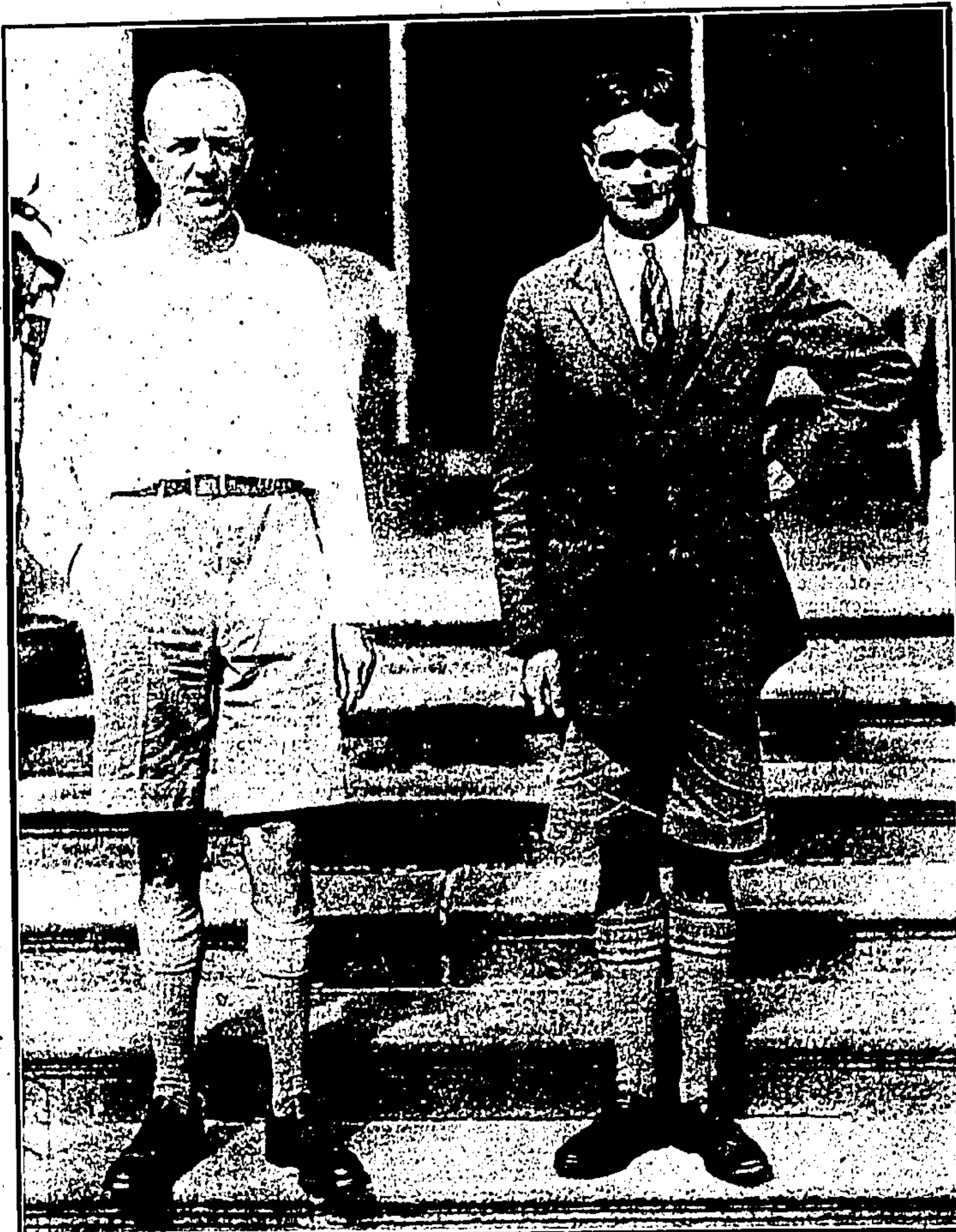
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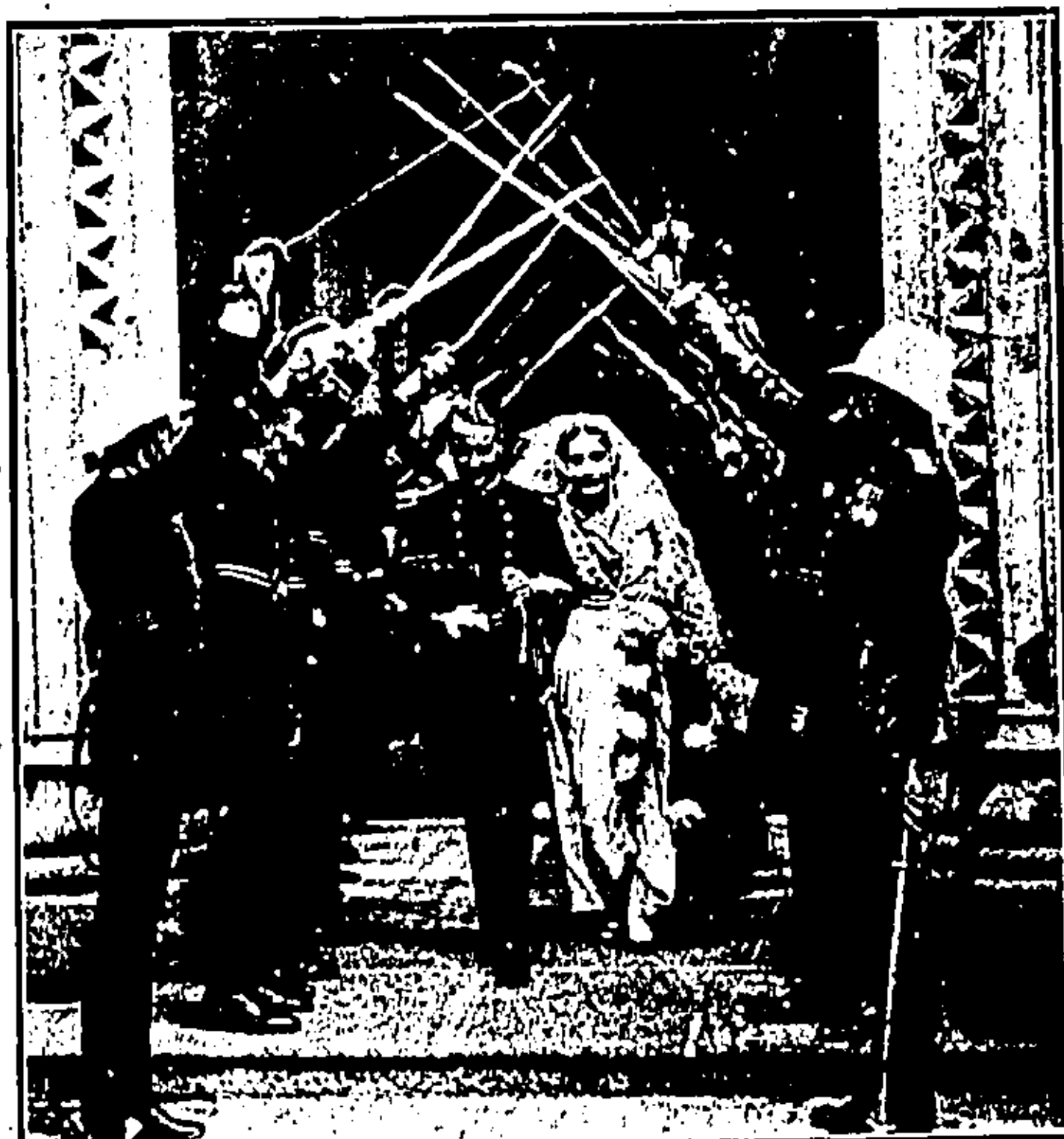
MIXED DOUBLES.—The openmixed doubles lawn tennis championship of the Colony, at the Chinese R.C., pairs front and back, left to right:—Miss Enid Lo and M. W. Lo (winners) Mrs. Hale and Lt. J. W. Hale, R.N. (semi-finalists), Mrs. Miles and H. Owen Hughes (semi-finalists), Mrs. Tottenham and Dr. R. E. Tottenham (runners-up). In the centre: Major Lucas, umpire.—(K. Fujiyama).



GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.—On the left, A. B. Stewart, who has held the championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club before; right, D. G. G. MacDonald, who lost to Stewart last Sunday in the semi-final by 5 up and 3 to play. Stewart meets R. H. Hollis, a journalist, in the final to-morrow, the latter having been conceded a walk-over by O. F. C. Marton.—(K. Fujiyama).



LOCAL SOCIETY WEDDING.—Entering the Cathedral on Tuesday. Left to right, Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O. (Administrative Commandant, H.K.V.D.C.), father of the bride; Miss Rita Hazeland (one of the bridesmaids), Lt. H. Owen Hughes, H.K.V.D.C. (one of the ushers), and the bride, Miss M. E. Bird. — (By courtesy of Mr. Briggs, Aerial Photographer, R.A.F.)



ARCHWAY OF SWORDS.—At the Cathedral on Tuesday after the wedding of Lt. Kenneth Wales Beard, R.N. (attached R.A.F.) and Miss Margaret Elise Bird.—(K. Fujiyama).



OPEN AIR CONCERT.—The Band of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers (under Bandmaster W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M.) playing in the Botanic Gardens last Sunday in the last public band concert which was highly enjoyed.—(K. Fujiyama).



WEIGHED ON A SCALE.—In far-off Lungchow, West River, taken by Dr. Cannon in his Kwangsi travels. Mr. Wong (Postmaster), Mr. Brazier (of the Chinese Maritime Customs) and Miss Brazier, sitting on a Chinese scale.—(Strict copyright of Dr. Cannon).



GENERAL CHAN MING-SHU.—The new Governor of Kwangtung province, who took the oath of office on Wednesday.



ARMED BODYGUARD.—Who "protected" Dr. A. Cannon and Mrs. Cannon down the West River. (Note the rifle carried).

THE "MAIL'S" FASHIONS ILLUSTRATED

Sports Clothes.



There is no season of the year when sports clothes exert so strong an appeal as in the chill days of late autumn. The warmth of woollens and the colourful appeal of the dashing sports outfits make them unusually suitable for this season.

All sorts of combinations are seen in which sweaters of all weaves and designs are united in the common band of chic with skirts of either matching or contrasting colours. The knitted sweater with either woollen or silk skirt in an always smart combination. Skirts are generally pleated this fall and the wider the pleat the smarter the skirt. Sweaters possess all sorts of variety and show many interesting features in collar, scarf and neck treatments. Diagonal stripes are extremely chic.

The cardigan outfit is decidedly successful. It calls for blouse and skirt of knitted goods and the accompanying jacket to make an interesting three-piece ensemble. Here colourful effects are desirable and the gayest shades of the season are introduced.

Knitted frocks and suits also possess a wide appeal. Their weaves are especially interesting this year and their lines, while stressing simplicity, also pay a marked attention to the details which pronounce this season's smartest effects.

Alice White, in First National's "Ritz Rosie," has opportunity to display one of the smartest sweater outfits of the fall. A sport sweater of chenille weave woollen in two shades of gray and black with diagonal stripes effect is combined with a skirt of black pleated wool crepe. An unusual neck treatment is seen in the scarf which swings back over the left

PARIS NOTES.

Some Simple Day Frocks

The skirt kilted or fluted from a well-cut hip-yoke is worn with a blouse-like jumper; sometimes a square scarf with shoulder cape-ends is added. Other models show a bolero hanging loose over a well-fitted waistband. Long sleeves are seen on nearly all the afternoon dresses.

Very chic and useful for wearing under the long coat of cloth or fur coat in satin or plain or printed velvet of tiny pattern. Many of these show a light lace or net blouse, or a sleeveless waistcoat of white satin with crystal paste buttons. In a fine black velvet or a black and white design this is a very pleasing vogue.

Chinese-red and a dull bottle-green are frequently noticeable with a day-frock of black broadcloth. Some of the new tunics charmingly demonstrate these vivid touches of colour. A narrow kilted skirt of black cloth has a long tunic of the same, with a loose waistcoat of Chinese-red silk embroidered in greens and blues, and fastening with engraved gold buttons. The outside coat for this frock is black broadtail, complete with a draped turban of black velvet and cloth caught with an embroidered ornament.

To go with smart frocks, Louis XV. heels are seen on patent leather and crepe de Chine shoes. For walk many neat black shoes show a Cuban heel and the one-strap fastening. Henna-coloured kid shoes are strapped with beige and grey with snakeskin. For the evening shoes cannot be too decorative, and to this end jewelled heels and gorgeously embroidered trimmings are usual. Black satin and crepe de Chine with a strap of diamonds, or the Court shape with diamond buckle, always look well.

THE PERFECT VILLAGE

Street, Sussex, Oct. 29.

In the heart of the Sussex downs, six miles from Lewes, is found the perfect English village. It is a village for which artists might sigh, and which would cause Americans to open their eyes in wonder and send them home to dream and talk about it to incredulous friends.

For there is not a shop, a public-house, or even a post office, and petrol pumps are unknown.

Street, sometimes known as Street, is aptly named. It has but one street, narrow and winding, with a surface which made every spring bolt in a car groan at its disapproval.

This rustic approach runs between typical English scenery—hedgerows and orchards, whose trees are laden with rosy apples, from behind which peep farmyards, with hay stacks, stables, and dovecotes.

There is a beautiful tiny church, of the Early English style, on a wall of which is a list of rectors dating back to Philip Bemd in 1337.

To complete the picture there is a smithy, from which every day comes the clanging of hammer and anvil, a fine old manor house, and a village school. Everything is unspoiled.

shoulder, forming a collar. It hangs down on the right side in a tie streamer caught by a metal dog.

GLASSWARE IN MODERN DESIGNS IS SMARTLY USED

For Table Service, for Lamps, for the Boudoir and Other Decorative Purposes, Glassware in All Colours and Shapes Is Increasingly Effective



The modern note in American homes is extending to its decorative features. There are all sorts of home accessories to be found which are designed in the modernistic manner. Colour and line have been combined to lend an entirely different aspect to familiar objects.

In interior decorating as well as in clothes, the desire is always to have something "different". It is always fatal to make the "different" object conform to definite modes. It must be carefully studied and its usefulness as a part of the decorative scheme be well considered as well as its individual appeal. But there is a definite place for the objects of decorative appeal done in the modernistic manner, and when well placed and combined, they add much to the appearance of the home. Of course a harmonious aspect must be preserved.

Glassware has been among the first to respond to the modern's call. It may be found in conventional shapes in places heretofore reserved for silver or china. It may be seen in familiar usages but in the modernistic designs. At any rate glassware is among the foremost ranks of things new.

The table is among the chief places where glassware reigns supreme. As centrepieces, candle sticks, entire luncheon services or

in the crystal flowers glassware has taken a definite stand in modern use. Its decorative appeal is great and the table is made lovely by the additional use of glassware beautifully designed in either sparkling crystal or in the various colours which make it doubly attractive.

On the formal table, delicately designed glassware is preferred. There is great beauty in the fragile appearing goblets, candlesticks and finger bowls, the compotier and exquisite glass flower centrepiece. These may appear in the most delicate of shades or be noted for the fine workmanship in clear crystal. For informal tables glassware in sturdier lines is favoured. Here colourful appeal is exerted and the entire service, done in the modernistic manner creates keen interest. Colonial designs and those peculiar to foreign countries being favoured examples in informal glassware.

The stimulus of novelty is also seen in the new lamps which have bases of glass for their very modern lines and their shades with

angles and circles. These lamps may appear in living room, dining room or boudoir. They are to be found in designs and colours suitable for every room. There is a distinct charm registered in their lovely if unusual lines and their often startling colour effects are refreshing to jaded senses.

The boudoir finds itself a choice spot for glassware. All the dressing table accessories in glassware express a new viewpoint and are charming examples of the modern art.

The bathroom, too, while emerging from an uninteresting spick and span whiteness into a colourful and stimulating room, is finding a new use for the glassware of modern tendencies. Jars and bottles in all shades and designs to match the new colours of the bathroom are to be found as smart accessories.

Corinne Griffith, seen in the First National film, "Outcast," whose lovely home in Beverly Hills expresses much that is beautiful in the modern decorative schemes, is especially well stocked in glassware suited to its new purposes. Her table appointments in glass express infinite variety as well as exquisite taste and Miss Griffith's luncheons and dinners are especially enjoyable because of these smartly new and modern pieces of glassware.

BAD MANNERS IN GOOD HOTELS

Many are the sins of omission and commission of hotel managers according to guests, but what of the failings of the guests themselves? Recently I have travelled through a large part of England and Scotland, and I have found much discomfort not through bad management, but because of bad manners.

Hotel bores are bad enough, but hotel bounders make the best-managed establishments uncomfortable. There are the bounders who sit up until the small hours and then wander about the bedroom corridors bounding blithely at the expense of other people's sleep. There is the bounder who is never satisfied with his food and keeps on saying so, the bounder who is always looking for mistakes in his bill and angry because he cannot find any, and the bounder who drags his customer into the ladies' drawing-room to talk business "because it is nice and quiet."

A Dietary Rebuke

Not exactly a bounder but nevertheless a source of irritation is the man who can drink nothing but milk and eat nothing but baked apples and salad. There are more his kind than is generally known. With his slops and his salads he makes the rest of us feel like gluttons, if not cannibals.

Always there is the man who needs something—a hot-water bottle, an additional blanket, or an aspirin at two o'clock in the morning, and rings until he gets what he wants.

Among Dogs and Grills

Also we have the feminine bounder who cannot sit down to a meal unless her pet dog occupies a seat at the table. Worse still is the gushing bounder who rushes over to the grill and screams ecstatically: "Oh, just let me learn how you frizzle these nice things!"

A Silent and Oil-stained Man And there is the motoring bounder who sails into the lounge during tea time and in a loud voice informs the universe of all the details of her tour. She is usually accompanied by a silent and oil-stained man.

The "Good" of One's Health There is, too, the flapper bounder who smokes cigarettes until she is dazed and drinks cocktails until she is muzzy. She is general

The Tiered Skirt



A blue broadcloth frock with a skirt featuring the now popular circular tiers and inserted trimming of satin at the waist. It is the creation of a noted London dressmaker.

THE MAGIC DROP

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White Jersey—and Sunburn



Miami, Florida.—Miss Rene Bonney wearing the latest smart outfit for beach siren on the tropical strands this winter. The suit is of white jersey with a high collar, and a charming jacket with full sleeves completes the ensemble. On her legs, Miss Bonney just wears a coat of tan.

ly a local resident, and she uses the hotel to "learn all about life." Again, we have the severe, austere, forbidding sort of woman who knits at you; the woman who shouts, "Waitah, I can't drink this coffahn"; and the confirmed invalid who is travelling for the good of her own health and the injury of everybody else's.

Why can't every up-to-date hotel

be provided with a "bounders' room," in which the bounders of both sexes can be assembled and permitted joyously to bound together?

Good manners are as necessary as good management in the ideal hotel.

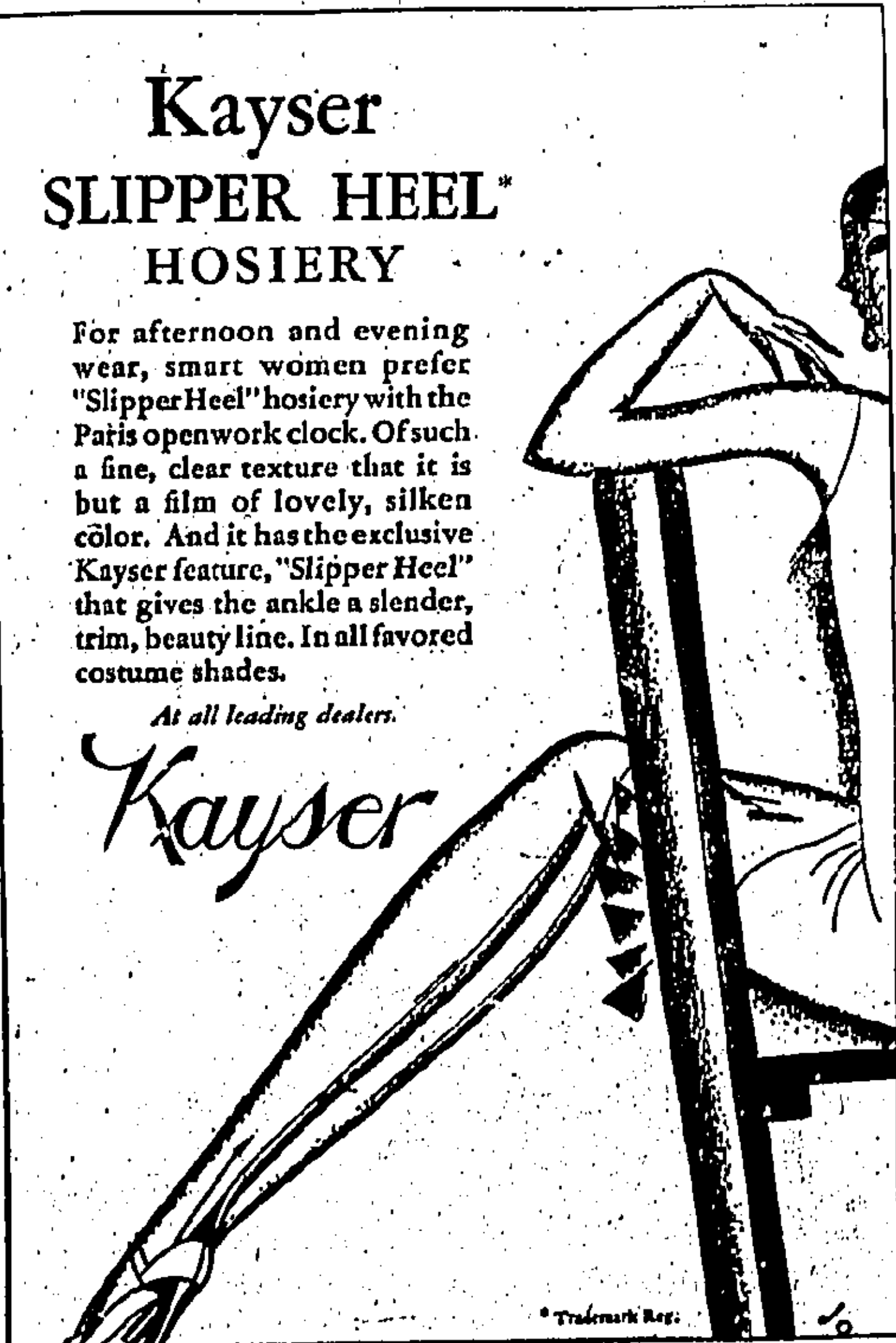
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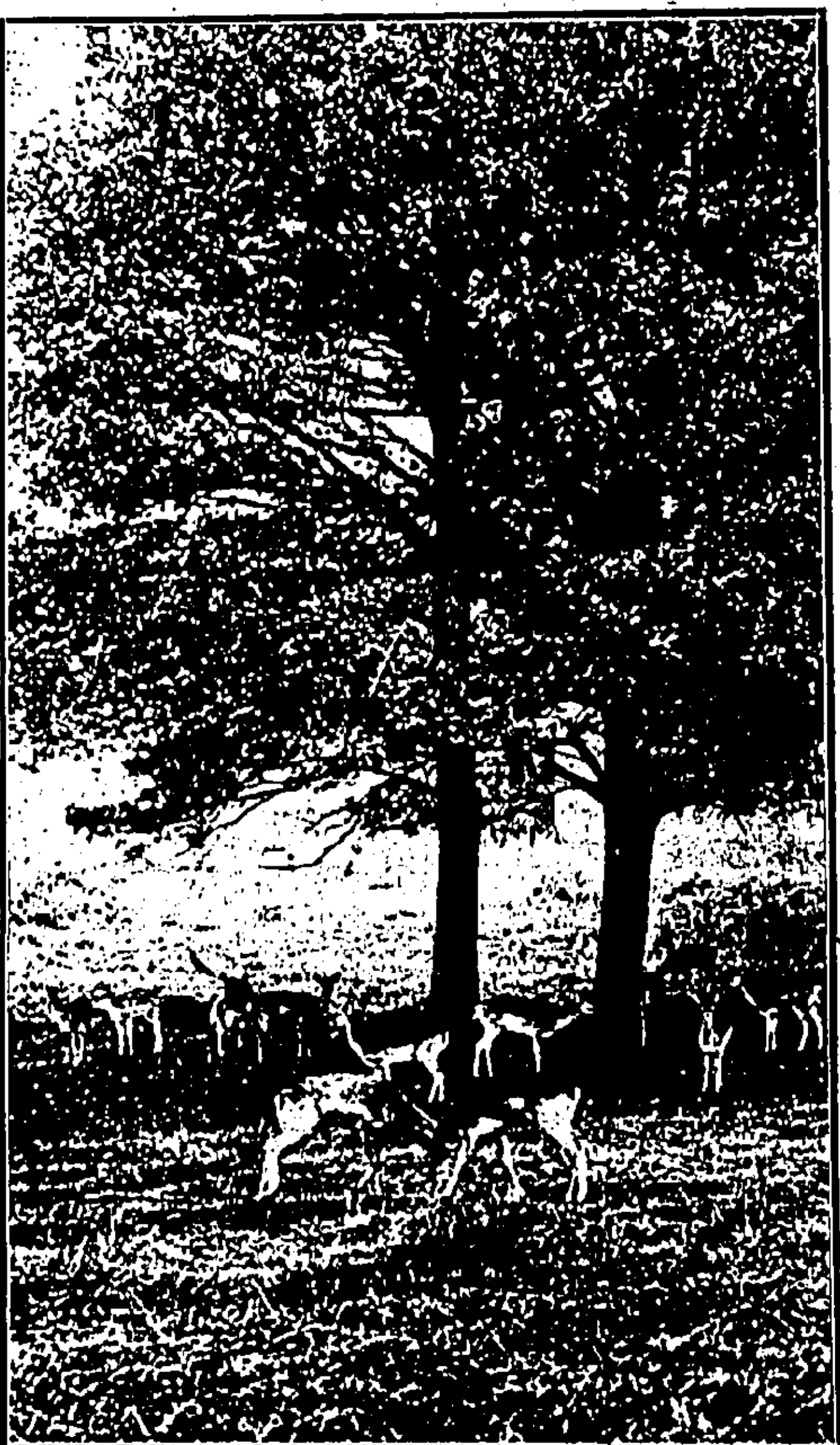
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MAYOR'S PROCESSION IN KENT.—The first Mayoral procession in Maidstone, Kent, during the 380 years it has been a borough. To commemorate his fourth term of office, Mr. G. Tyrwhitt-Drake, the Mayor of Maidstone, held a Mayor's procession, the main feature of which was cars depicting the town's industries. The Mayor rode in the procession on a cream horse, wearing his Mayoral robes. Above is seen the Mayor, Councillor G. Tyrwhitt-Drake, in his Mayoral robes, in the procession.—(Sport and General).



UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS.—Selwyn, Queens' and Peterhouse trials, at Cambridge. A splendid action picture in the 120 yards hurdles, 2nd heat.—(Sport and General).



BATTLE OF STAGS.—Fights in Richmond Park, Surrey, are common at this time of the year. A battle is in progress while the remainder of the herd look on.—(Sport and General).



FLYING TO THE SAHARA TO SEEK A SPEED TRACK.—Capt. Malcolm Campbell, the famous racing motorist, left Croydon aerodrome, in his light aeroplane, "Blue Bird," for the Sahara, where he hopes to discover a 12-mile stretch of hard level sand on which to attempt to break the world's motor speed record with his 600 horse power Campbell-Napier Car. He hopes to attain a speed of 220-230 miles per hour. He is seen above with his wife and children before leaving.—(Sport and General).



LORD BYNG, THE NEW METROPOLITAN COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.—Who attended the annual requiem mass for London Roman Catholic police who died in the War, which was celebrated at Westminster Cathedral. He is in the centre, taking the salute. On the left is Mr. H. S. Turnbull (Commissioner of Police for the City of London) and on the right, Canon Howlett.—(Sport and General).



£1,000,000 POULTRY SHOW.—Fifteen thousand exhibits worth approximately £1,000,000 could be seen—and heard—at the annual Grand International Poultry, Pigeon and Rabbit Show which opened at the Crystal Palace, London. There were more than a hundred varieties of fowl, and more than fifty types of pigeons. Here is a beautiful exhibit, Mr. R. J. Hamlin's Angora rabbit.—(Sport and General).



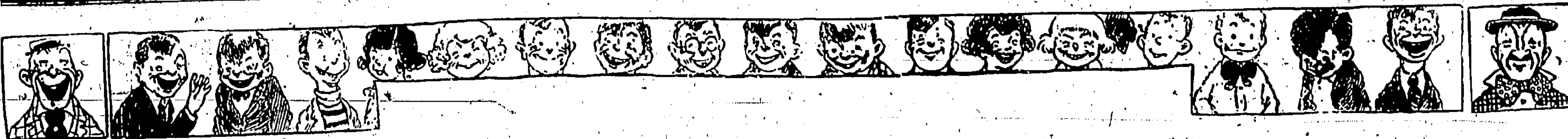
WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF THE SALVATION ARMY.—Commander Catherine Booth, the eldest daughter of General Booth, whose future is to be discussed by the High Council.—(Sport and General).



WEST HAM LOSE TO EVERTON 2-4.—Hufton, West Ham's goalkeeper, collects the ball but is challenged by "Dixie" Dean, Everton's famous centre-forward.—(Sport and General).



NOT A GIPSY CARAVAN.—But a novel judging stand at the Atherstone Hunt hunter trials at Burton Hastings, Warwickshire. The judges in their peculiar improvised stand which enables them to have a good elevated view of the trials and incidentally helps to shelter them from cold winds.—(Sport and General).



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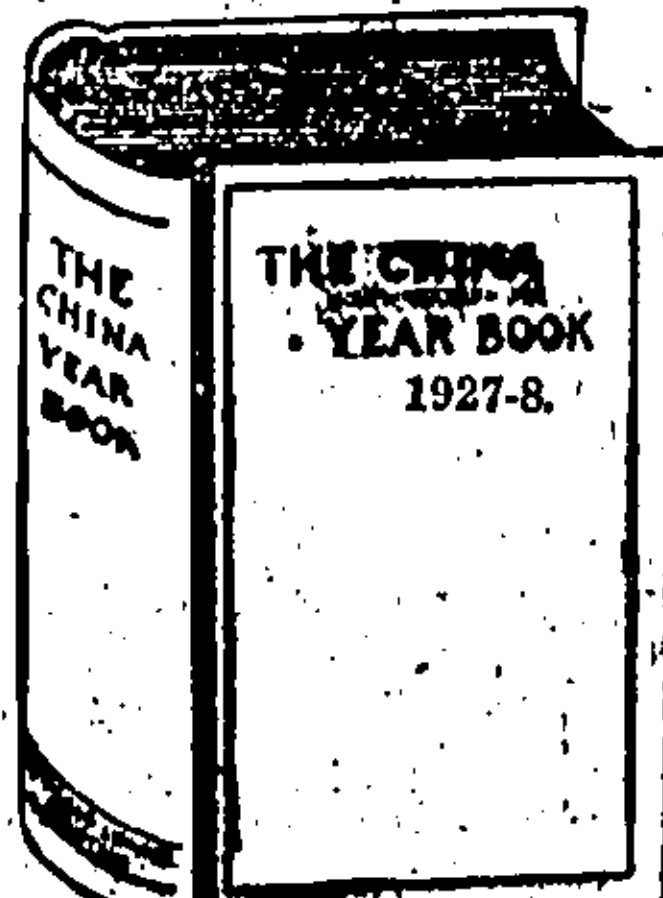
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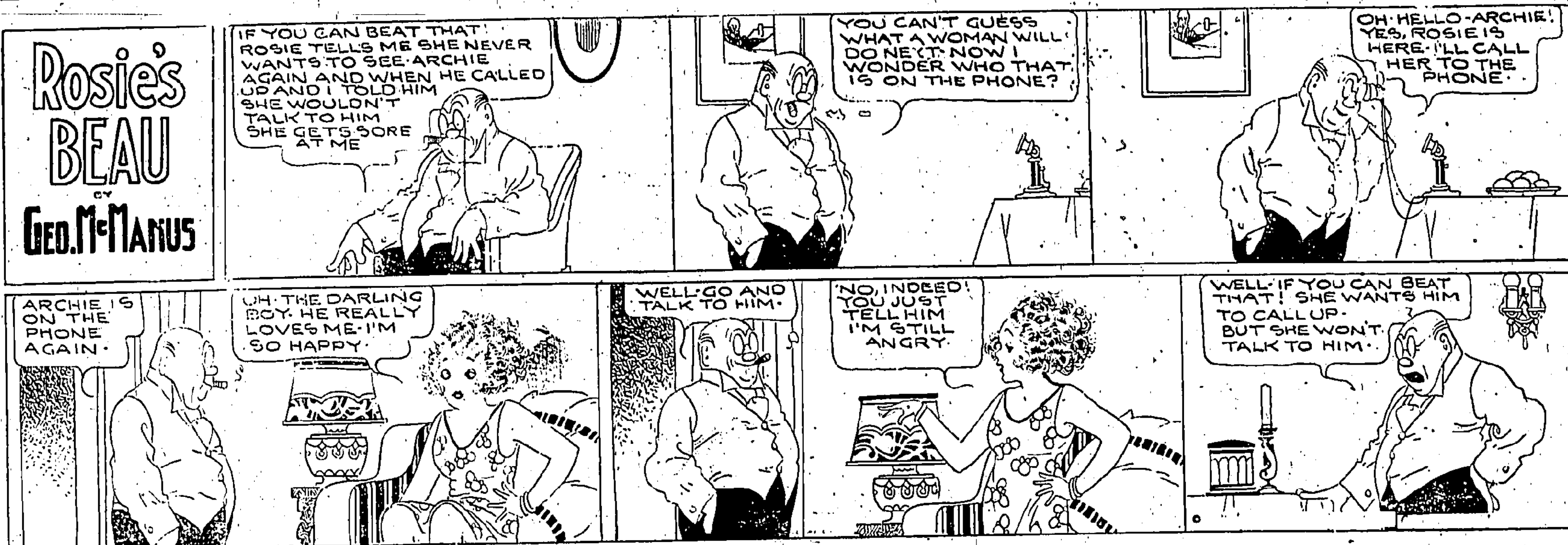
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NO. XII—THE PEOPLE WHO GET WHAT THEY WANT

[By Percy C. Pegler in the "Methodist Recorder"]

It is sometimes said that, broadly speaking, everybody gets what he wants provided he wants it badly enough. It sounds like nonsense, but there is a good deal of truth in it. If you want a thing sufficiently, with sufficient ardour and persistence, if you are willing to pay the price for it and to make the sacrifices which your ambition demands, if you know how to wait and can banish all scruples, it is probably true that you can get almost anything upon which you set your heart. Jesus, at any rate, was sure that what a man asked for he got, that the thing that was sufficiently desired was attained. The man who sets his whole heart on making money generally makes money. The man who will have popularity, who will do anything to get talked about, generally gets talked about to his heart's content; the man who likes a quiet life, who would rather be comfortably than face up to responsibility and all the burdens imposed by ambition, gets left in the desired backwater without any trouble. The boy who knows what he wants to be and lays his plans accordingly, works and sacrifices to attain his end generally becomes the sort of man he has set his heart on becoming.

The fact is that very few people want anything with any real intensity. Most people don't know what they want, and more still want a thing so feebly that they are easily discouraged. The first difficulty daunts them, and if they don't get what they want in five minutes, they give up pursuit and take what comes with the best grace they can. Another trouble is that when we do get what we want, most of us complain that we did not get something quite different. That may be illogical, but most of us are illogical. We set our heart on money, and get it, and then complain that we have got money and not happiness. We ask for popularity, and complain when it comes, that it does not last. Of course it doesn't, but that is the nature of popularity, and we should have thought of that before we asked for it. If you ask for success and get it, it is silly to complain that you have not got leisure. A lot of our discontent arises from the fact that we ask for incompatible things and then complain because we cannot have both. It is silly to ask for the ephemeral and then complain that we have not got the abiding; to want a soap-bubble, and get it, and then complain that it is not a billiard-ball.

Jesus used to say that the real secret of happiness was not to get what you wanted, but to want what you ought to have; that the secret of all success and of all happiness was to want the best things and to want them so intensely that you got them. That is surely the meaning of the familiar Beatitude about the blessedness of those who hunger and thirst after righteousness and the certainty of their being filled. If we hunger and thirst after unworthy things—money, and a good time, and a soft job—we shall probably get them, but if we want them sufficiently, but they won't make us happy; it is not in the nature of things that they should. On the contrary, it will probably come home to us, one day, that the irony is we have got what we wanted and found it disappointing. That is why Jesus says, "Set your heart on goodness and you will get it; want that, and because it is the thing you ought to want, when you get it your true nature will be satisfied and you will be happy." I know that the Beatitude says "righteousness" and I have changed it to goodness. But "righteousness" is a technical word, with associations not always helpful. We may, for instance, be little it, as the Scribes and Pharisees belittled it, till it comes to mean nothing more than conformity to a conventional standard of behaviour and morals. It is the easiest thing in the world to confuse righteousness with respectability, and things like top-hats and churchwardens. Nobody in his senses ever hungered and thirsted to be a churchwarden. I have sometimes considered churchwardens from afar, and concluded regretfully that the penalties of virtue were too heavy. When Jesus spoke of righteousness, He meant rightness. To be righteous is to be right, right with God, right with yourself, and right with your neighbour. To hunger and thirst after righteousness is to want a goodness that is real, that is so much a part of your nature that it comes naturally to you. The only righteousness worth talking about is a goodness that is the spontaneous expression of character and not the result of an elaborate scheme of precautions for minding

the paint and keeping off the grass, or of a hardly won victory snatched from the jaws of defeat. It is to realise that God can make us in His own likeness and to want to be like Him, to want the spirit of Jesus shed abroad in our heart more than we want anything else. Blessed is the man who wants that sort of goodness, for he shall get what he wants.

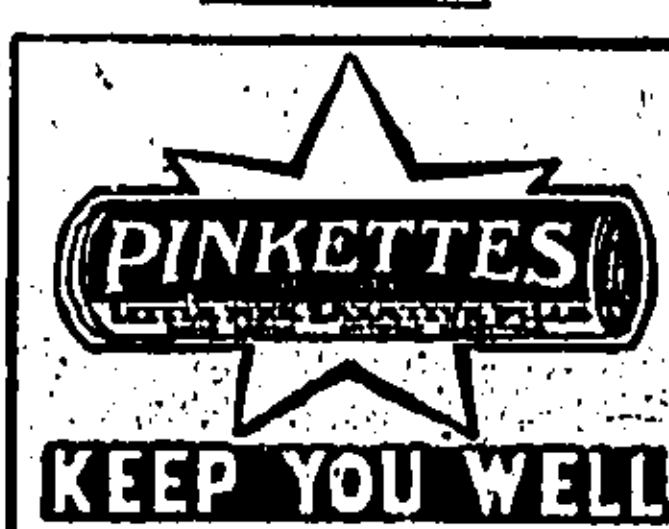
I am not sure if we allow sufficient weight to those two words which have become so familiar in this connection—Hunger and Thirst. Jesus was not pronouncing His blessing and promising happiness and satisfaction to the people who approve of goodness, who admire and applaud it, and like to see it done. Most folk would admit upon a challenge that real goodness is the greatest thing in the world. We mean to give a man the highest praise we can bestow when we say "He was a good man." We don't say it very often, not half as often as we say, "Oh yes, he was a clever fellow," but when we say "He was a good man," we know we can say no greater thing of any man. But Jesus does not promise anything to the people who applaud goodness like that. He promises satisfaction to people who hunger and thirst after it. If we were not so familiar with those two words, I think they would startle us. Think of the insistent, compelling, ravenous desire of a starving man. Most of us have never been hungry in our lives. We have only had a good appetite for our dinner. The man who is really hungry cannot forget it. There is an inward gnawing that cannot be suppressed, sometimes sinking to a dull aching emptiness, and sometimes rising to a pitch of intensity that stamps the whole countenance with ferocity. Or think of thirst, the parched longing of a man in whom fever or wounds have drained every drop of moisture from the body. Read the story of the desert, or the sea, or the hospitals, or the battlefields, if you want to know what dreadful intensity the whole body can ache with thirst. Think of the difference between those great elemental desires, those tense figures of speech, and our tepid desires after goodness. The ravenous desire of a starving man! The fierce longing of a parched throat! Is it not grotesquely ridiculous to compare any desire after goodness most of us ever felt, with physical cravings of that sort? We are most of us like the child who asked God to make her a good girl, when she said her prayers, and then explained, when she was naughty, that she did not mean all at once! As a matter of fact, for all our professions and for all our abstract approval of goodness, for all our genuine but tepid desires to be better men, we don't long to be good with as much sincerity and conviction as we long to be successful in our business, or happy in our home, or competent at our job; and, if we are honest, we know we don't. We say, "Oh yes, of course we know we ought to be better than we are; we ought to be better," but we don't hunger and thirst after goodness, and that is why we don't get it, why most of us are just comfortable mediocrities, not much better than we were twenty years ago. "I'm going to come to your Church," a woman said to me last week; "I want to be religious, not too religious, but I want to see a man a few days ago who was dying and could not say the Lord's Prayer!"

Notice how Jesus says this hunger and thirst after goodness is to be met and satisfied. Those who really have it shall be filled. That suggests, and was meant to suggest, that real goodness is something that is given to us. However startling that may sound, it is quite true. Character, as distinct from manners and behaviour and respectability, a goodness that is part of your nature, the real you, and not you in your Sunday suit—in a word, what the New Testament calls holiness—is not something we achieve, it is something God's Spirit achieves in us. Jesus does not say, what we are so often inclined to say, "Blessed are those who struggle, for they shall attain goodness," or "Blessed are those that hunger and thirst after goodness, for they shall be filled," a radically different thing. "Grace" is a nourishment, and the richness of its sustaining quality is determined by one thing alone, the genuineness of our desire for it. The plain fact of the matter is that goodness, as Jesus understood it, is a plant beyond our power to cultivate. If we are ever to have even the beginnings of real goodness it has to be given to us, to be the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Goodness, as Jesus meant it, is the gift of God, and the condition of receiving it is genuinely to desire it—to desire it honestly, earnestly, supremely and continually. That man, says the Psalmist, "shall receive the blessing of the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation."

There are those who get very discouraged in their attempts to live a Christian life, who feel pretty hopeless sometimes about ever getting over their faults and failings. It is not a bad thing that we should feel like that, that the day we discover that goodness is an achievement beyond our power, and give our life into the only hands that can make it anew, is the day that salvation comes to our house. There used to be a furious controversy about something that was called "Entire Sanctification," about the exact measure and quality of the goodness which it was possible for God to give to men. But the great question is not whether we can ever attain to perfect goodness in this life, but whether we want it, as a hungry man wants food and as a thirsty man wants water, want it so that we are willing to pay the price and make the sacrifices which goodness, like everything else, demands. I don't know that we do. But if we do, there is no doubt about it we shall get it. Our progress may be slow, but one day we shall be good. God is pledged to satisfy if only we go on wanting, for goodness is the gift of God to the hungry soul. "He satisfieth the longing soul and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." We get what we want, if we want the right thing and want it badly enough, and with the getting of it comes the inner satisfaction that is the secret of all blessedness.

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"HULA"

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QUEEN'S THEATRE

To-morrow and Monday at the Queen's Theatre, "Rose Marie," a thrilling story of romance, based upon the famous musical comedy success, will be screened. Joan Crawford is the heroine and is supported by House Peters, James Murray and many others. "Hula," a fascinating story of Hawaii, with Clara Bow in the leading role will be the feature film on Xmas Day and Boxing Day. The chief attraction from Thursday to Saturday is "The Divine Woman," a sensational story of a woman of impulse, starring Greta Garbo and Lars Hanson. Throughout the week, at the 9.20 performances, Signor Carpi's "Parsifal Revue" will appear.

WORLD THEATRE

Gloria Swanson will be seen in "Stage Struck" at the 5.15 and 9.20 performances at the World Theatre to-morrow and Monday. At 2.30 and 7.15, the Chinese picture "Nemesis" will be shown. On Xmas and Boxing Days, Syd Chaplin's famous war comedy "The Better Ole" will hold the bill, while the chief attraction from Thursday to Saturday will be "Seventh Heaven," starring Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.

STAR THEATRE

The following pictures have been secured for the Star Theatre. To-morrow and Monday Richard Dix in "The Quarterback," Xmas Day and Boxing Day, Harold Lloyd's great comedy, "Hot Water." Thursday to Saturday, a delightful story of modern night life in Paris, "Paris At Midnight," with a splendid cast of players headed by Lionel Barrymore, Ilka Goudal, Mary Brian and Edmond Burns.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
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To-day—Queen's Theatre "Fazio."
To-day—World Theatre, "The Magic Flame" (at 5.15 and 9.15); Chinese picture "Nemesis" part 1 (at 2.30 and 15).
To-day—Star Theatre; "The Flame of Yukon."
To-day—At Theatre Royal, last performance of "Tom Jones," 9 p.m.
Dec. 23-24—Queen's Theatre; "Rose Marie."
Dec. 23-24—World Theatre; "Stage Struck," at 5.15 and 9.20 p.m., Chinese picture "Nemesis" part II, at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.
Dec. 23-24—Star Theatre; "The Quarterback."
Dec. 25-26—Queen's Theatre; "Hula."
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Dec. 25-26—Star Theatre; "Hot Water."
Dec. 27-29—Queen's Theatre; "The Divine Woman."
Dec. 27-29—World Theatre; "Seventh Heaven."
Dec. 27-29—Star Theatre; "Paris At Midnight."

Land Sale
Dec. 24—At P. W. D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at Samshulpa, 8 p.m.
Lammerts Auction
Dec. 24—At Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, Machinery, steel barrels and iron drums, 11 a.m.

Sports
Dec. 23—"Cross-country scramble" at Hunters' Arms, 11 a.m.
Dec. 28—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 2nd XI vs. H. K. Club "A," 5 p.m.
Miscellaneous
Dec. 23—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Quiet hour, Speaker, Mr. J. H. Hunt.
Dec. 25—Christmas Day, H.K.Y.M.C.A. Christmas Tiffin, Members will invite Service Guests, 1 p.m.
Dec. 26—Boxing Day, H.K.Y.M.C.A. All day Raffle to Talmoshan. Ladies invited.

Mr. P. J. Roy Waugh, general manager of Kamuning Rubber and Tin Co., Ltd., Sungai Siput, will during the course of the month be giving up his position to take up an appointment as Planting Adviser to Guthrie and Co., who are agents for rubber estates in Malaya and the Dutch India which cover an area of 148,000 acres, says the "Straits Times" to hand.

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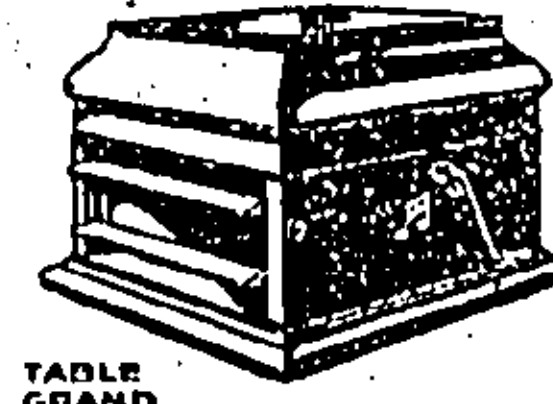
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| 5890 | O God Our Help | " |
| | Once in Royal David's City | " |
| 5879 | God From on High Hath Heard .. | " |
| | See, Amid the Winters Snow | " |
| 5081 | All Hail the Power of Jesus Name .. | " |
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7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Dance Programme (Victor Records).

"All of the Time," Fox Trot

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McEnelly's Dance Orchestra.

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"Japanese Sandman," Fox Trot

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"I Loved You Then As I Love You Now," Waltz

"Forever," Waltz

Park Central Orchestra.

"Do!n' The Raccoon," Fox Trot

"It Goes Like This," Fox Trot

Stallier Pennsylvanians.

"Buy Buy for Baby," Fox Trot

"She's One Sweet Show Girl," Fox Trot

Park Central Orchestra.

"I Loved You Then As I Love You Now"

"Sally of My Dreams"

Franklyn Bauer Tenor.

"If I Lost You," Waltz

"That Old Sweetheart of Mine," Waltz

Don Bestor's Orchestra.

"Come on Baby," Fox Trot

"Here's That Party Now in Person," Fox Trot

Victor Orchestra.

"Right Out of Heaven," Fox Trot

"Where Were You, Where Was I?"

George Olsen.

"You Tell Me Your Dream," Waltz

"Good Night," Waltz

The Troubadours.

"Blossoms That Bloom in the Moonlight," Fox Trot

"My Varsity Girl I'll Cling To You," Fox Trot

Victor Orchestra.

"One Way Street"

"Midnight Bells"

De Groot and Eccadilly Orchestra.

10 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press.

"Cavatina," Ruff

"Blue Danube Waltz," Strauss

Organ Solo by Arthur Mendel.

"Gems from 'Countess Maritza'"

"Gems from 'The Desert Song'"

Victor Light Opera Company.

"Marie," Waltz

"Love," Waltz

The Troubadours.

"The Land of Going To Be," Waltz

"Let's Do It," Fox Trot

Aronson's Commanders.

"Gems from the Mikado"

Victor Light Opera Company.

God Save The King

Close Down.

CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

Dec. 23, 4th Sunday in Advent.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Peak Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Matins, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.
Evangelist, 6 p.m.
Preacher: The Dean.
Choral Evensong on Christmas Eve at 5.30 p.m.

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Dec. 23, 4th Sunday in Advent.
8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.
10 a.m., Sunday School Service.
11 a.m., Morning Prayer & Sermon; Preacher: The Vicar.
2.45 p.m., Sunday School's Xmas gift Service.
6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Carol Service; Preacher: Rev. E. K. Quick.

Dec. 25, Christmas Day.
7.15 a.m., and 8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

11 a.m., Morning Prayer & Communion; Preacher: The Vicar.

Dec. 26—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

Dec. 27—7 a.m., Holy Communion.

Dec. 28—7 a.m., Holy Communion.

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THE FIRST STEP

SINO-BRITISH RELATIONS
—NEW-ERA

TARIFF TREATY'S EFFECT

London, Yesterday.
The signature of the new Anglo-Chinese Tariff Treaty at Nanking is authoritatively described in London as the first tangible step in putting Anglo-Chinese relations on a sound basis, opening a new era in this connection, and being the first opportunity to put into operation the very liberal British policy towards China announced some time ago.—Reuter.

Effect of Treaty

London, Yesterday.
The effect of the new Sino-British Treaty and the accompanying exchange of notes is to cancel all provisions in the existing Treaties, which limit in any way, China's right to settle her national Customs tariff or impose tonnage dues in such a way as she may think fit. Reciprocal most-favoured-nation treatment is accorded to the nationals and goods of both parties in regard to Customs and internal duties levied upon imports and exports. The principle of reciprocal most-favoured-nation treatment is also extended to ships of both parties in regard to tonnage dues and all matters connected therewith.

With regard to goods produced or manufactured in the Dominions, Colonies, etc., these receive most-favoured-nation treatment in China so long as goods produced or manufactured in China receive most-favoured-nation treatment in such Dominions, etc.

Likin Assurance

The Chinese Government further gives an assurance that the rates of the national Customs tariff to be adopted by the Chinese Government will give effect to the surtax schedule agreed upon by the foreign delegations at the Tariffs Conference of 1926; that these are the maximum rates to be levied on British goods, and that these will remain maximum rates on such goods for a period of at least twelve months from the date of enforcement of tariff.

It is understood that further assurances have also been given regarding the intention of the Chinese Government to abolish likin and similar duties as soon as possible; also that when goods have once paid import duties to the Maritime Customs in accordance with the rates imposed in the national tariff, they will not be subjected to any further levies of a similar nature.—British Wireless Service.

Very Friendly Feeling

Nanking, Yesterday.
A participant in the ceremony of signing the Sino-British Treaty, interviewed by Reuter, states that very friendly feeling prevailed.

It was obvious on the afternoon of Dec 19 that the documents would not be ready for signature until after midnight. Sir Miles Lampson gave a dinner to Messrs. Hu Han-min and Sun Fo and Dr. Wang Ching-hui at the British Consulate-General.

Dr. C. T. Wang meanwhile was busy signing the Portuguese and Dutch treaties.
At 11 p.m. Sir Miles Lampson and his staff went to Dr. C. T. Wang's house, where Dr. Wang, Sir

"HULA"

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HAWAII

CLARA BOW

"Hula," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre on Xmas Day and Boxing Day, brings the lovable madcap of the films, Clara Bow, back to the screen in her biggest picture since "It." The popular comedienne appears as a carefree miss who, on the eve of her sixteenth birthday, falls madly in love with a handsome young engineer, played by Clive Brook. Clara soon forces him to admit his love but at the same time she learns that he is a victim of an unhappy marriage. His wife, an unscrupulous fortune hunter refuses to grant him a divorce. In addition to this, Clara finds that there is another woman attempting to win him away. How she emerges from all her difficulties provides Paramount's scintillating little star with plenty of opportunity for showing off her own particular talents. Unusual twists in narrative give a peculiar charm to this breezy story which takes place against the beautiful settings of Hawaii. At the 9.20 performances, Signor Carpi's "Parisian Revue" will appear in a complete change of programme.

Following the visit of Mr. William Heughan, the well-known actor-singer, who will give recitals on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday next week, the Victoria Theatre will be occupied by the Macdonna Players in a repertoire of Bernard Shaw plays. They will open their season on Monday, Dec. 17, with "Pygmalion." Other well-known successes to be given are "Man and Superman," "Candida," "The Doctor's Dilemma," "You Never Can Tell" and "Mrs. Warren's Profession." Booking will open at Little's on Wednesday next, says a Singapore paper to hand. Mr. Heughan will be welcomed if he again comes to Hong Kong and all admirers of "G.B.S." would be delighted with a visit to Hong Kong of the talented Macdonna Players.

Miles Lampson, Mr. W. Meyrick Hewlett, C.M.G., (British Consul-General at Nanking), and Mr. Chu Chang-nien (Counsellor of the Foreign Office) whiled away the time at bridge until 1.15 a.m., when Dr. Wang and Sir Miles Lampson began signing the Chinese and English versions of the Treaty, which was completed at 1.45 a.m., after which the success of the future relations of the two countries was toasted.

Triumph for Dr. Wang

On the morning of Dec. 20, Dr. Wang lunched with the British, Dutch and Portuguese Ministers and the Swedish Charge d'Affaires. Most of the Chinese political leaders were present.
After this the British, Dutch and Portuguese Ministers crossed to Pukow and entrained for Peking.
The reaction to the signing of the Sino-British Treaty in Chinese official circles is entirely favourable. It has fully dissipated rumours of possible Anglo-Japanese closer co-operation in connection with Chinese affairs; while even the political opponents of Dr. Wang concede that he has achieved a diplomatic triumph.—Reuter.



Travelling School's Promising Trio

More good than a row of medals pinned on them is the value three young lads from the backwoods of Ontario will derive from a wonderful week spent in Toronto. These three boys are: Rene Thibault, aged 11 years, French-Canadian from Ramsey; George Kingston, a little 6-year-old Indian of Wyo, and John Paul Paquette, French-Canadian of Eber, aged 16 years. They are ardent pupils of the Canadian Pacific Railway travelling school car, and are up behind each morning to attend the school on wheels the week it spends in each month on a siding in their section of the North. Their teacher, Mrs. McNally, chose three boys to spend a week in Toronto and the Canadian National Exhibition, as guests of Premier Ferguson, the boys of the entrance class of the Normal School, and the Canadian Pacific Railway.
Bewildered by all he saw, young George Kingston, scarcely spoke, although he is learning English rapidly, and even the smallest thing he saw brought a shy smile. He had never been downtown, he boarded the train that brought him to the city, and the largest body of people he had seen together at one time was 30. He was intensely interested in mirrors and elevators and his pockets were stuffed with a collection of mechanical toys. He has not yet mustered up enough courage to talk on a telephone and when he saw a parade of cades in their bright red tunics it was difficult to hold him back. The two older boys were most interested in aeroplanes and the animals they saw at the exhibition.

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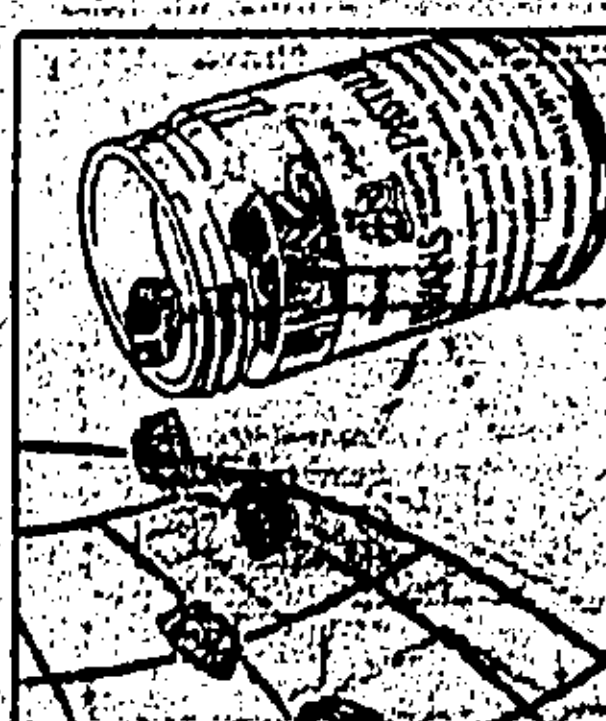
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Sport Columns

IN THE RING

CARPENTIER'S FAVOURITE BRITISH BOXER

[By Eugene Corri]

Since Leone Jacovacci came to be of the Francois Descamps stable, he has been one of the most-discussed middle-weights in Europe. Well, he has been seen in this country, and has lost to Len Johnson at Manchester on points, in a fifteen rounds contest. Judged by his performance, the claim that Descamps has made—that Jacovacci is the best man that could be found for Mickey Walker—will not hold.

I am not writing Jacovacci down as a moderate fighter. He is more than that, by far; and I have an idea that we did not see him at anything like his best at Bella Vue last Tuesday night. He declared, both before and after the fight, that he was far from being fighting fit, and complained bitterly that when he arrived at Manchester there was no provision for training.

"If I had known that there was not a single gymnasium in the city where I could put the finishing touches to my preparing," he declared, "I should have stayed in London until the morning of the match, and worked at the National Sporting Club." Jacovacci, I am told, found that he was some five pounds over weight, and this he had to get off by burning himself out in the Turkish baths. Before getting into the ring, he told Descamps that at the most he could not be strong for more than half-a-dozen rounds. Descamps advised him to go all out, to finish the fight in three rounds. Said Jacovacci—"I felt as weak as a kitten. I could not move around."

Like Jack Johnson

All I can say is that Jacovacci should have taken precautions not to exceed the agreed weight limit. It is not like Descamps to have his man sadly overweighted. But about Johnson. He has the most wonderful style of any fighter at present before the public, and he affects ways calculated to put even a world-beater out of his stride. He had Jacovacci handcuffed. There are those who might urge that Johnson carries defence too far. I think he does. In this regard he is worse than Roland Todd was. It may be said that he fiddles rather than fights his way to success. Jacovacci, after the fifth round, could make nothing of him.

There may be some referees who would be critical of Johnson on the score of holding, but it is not easy for the presiding official to make a case out against him. For Johnson is one of the most skillful fellows who ever drew on a glove. If he holds he does it at any rate so cleverly that not even an expert could detect him. I'll warrant the majority of the six thousand people who looked on believed that it was Jacovacci who was doing most of the holding.

I would not rate Len Johnson too highly, but I have to say that in many particulars he reminds me of Jack Johnson—in the way in which he finds it possible to take the sting out of the other fellow and to get him all tangled up. His judgment of distance is positively uncanny; his belief in himself supreme. He is one of the most self-contained fighters I have seen for years. But, with many of those who were at Manchester, I doubt whether he will become a world-beater. He has not the punch to account for such sloggers as Mickey Walker. He cannot even hit as hard as Jacovacci. But he is much of a wonder, nevertheless, and I can understand his great popularity in his native Manchester. Johnson is of the kind who never shirk a fight, and the public are all for a fighter who makes no bones about fighting any one who may come along.

What the plans of Johnson are for the immediate future I do not know, but that his ambitions are high I am sure. I should say that he would like another contest with Jack Hood, who was introduced from the ring. And I suspect that Hood, for his part would relish another cruise with the coloured Mancunian. Whether Hood would be able again to defeat Johnson is, of course, a matter of speculation. Personally, I am all for another match between the pair, though it is true that Hood may still do the welter limit without difficulty.

Carpentier's View.

But Hood is very good. I will swear that he is a better boxer than Jacovacci, and, except, perhaps, in the way of defence, superior to Johnson. Jacovacci gave it out that he had heard from Carpentier that Hood was exceptionally good. (It is the opinion of Carpentier that Hood is the best English boxer he has seen since Driscoll.) And for

that reason he hoped the Birmingham young man, if he must go out of his class and do battle with the middle-weights, would give him a match, preferably at Milan.

If I were Hood I would rather meet Johnson than Jacovacci, for the reason that the coloured Italian carries a very considerable punch. I am also ready to agree that he fought under a heavy handicap at Bella Vue.

I learned from the French party the chances are that Izzy Schwartz and Emile Pladner will fight at 2 lb. over the fly-weight limit when they meet at Paris on December 1. If that is so, I shall be surprised, for I think that the one object in bringing the American and the French youth together was to decide who was the best fly-weight in the world. However, we shall see.

If Schwartz and Pladner fight at the fly-weight limit, I fear the Americans will not accept Pladner as a world-beater if he wins. But, whatever the result, I take it that Johnny Hill will be on the premises to challenge the winner. The more I think about the fly-weight position, the more certain am I that Hill stands alone. I will not have it that America at the moment has a better little man than the Scot. If Schwartz wins, he can be matched for any amount with Hill right away. As for Pladner, he must beat the American to make it worth the while of Hill to engage in a third contest with him.

I see that a considerable sum of money has been put up by the backer of Scott for a fight with Ted Sandwina. I am wondering what the outcome will be. It is at least time that Scott fought again. But I should have thought that he could have found a more formidable opponent than Sandwina. However, since the German-American has been telling the world that he is all itching to fight our champion, the sooner the two get into the ring the better.

Kid Pattenden has shed the effects of a poisoned toe, and all is now in readiness for his fight with Young Johnny Brown for the Bantam Belt.

Round the World



Franz Dziadek, the famous German walker, starting off from Brandenburg Gate in Berlin for his "Hindenburg Hike" around the world. He hopes to pass through Vienna, Budapest, Constantinople, Cairo, Afghanistan, by boat to Australia, then walking to Sydney, then by ship to San Francisco, walking across the United States and then by boat back to Germany. Dziadek is an East Prussian marathon runner, who last year ran from East Prussia to Berlin carrying a message to President Hindenburg on his birthday.

SUSPENDED

Rodgers (Police), Hen Sun-chi (Hung Kwei School), and Tso Kwai-shing (Chinese team) have been suspended for the rest of the season by the H. K. Football Association for deliberately kicking.

HOCKEY

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI in their match on Friday at 4.45 p.m. at the U.S.R.C. v. 1st Batt. the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regt.—W. K. Tait; W. Woodward, D. Lyon; A. A. Dand (captain), E. J. R. Mitchell, J. E. Noronha; H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, E. D. Lawrence, R. K. Valentine, C. C. Francis.

YACHTING

CLUB-ARMY ANNUAL MATCH

MACAO RACE

[By "Chau Kung"]

On Sunday next the Club will sail the first of the two parts of the annual match against the Army, and tho' the Army succeeded during the week in "passing it" to the Senior Service, who have already won the first "leg" of their contest with the Club, I anticipate that the Club will rise to the occasion and show the Soldiers "how."

The annual race round the Island on Sunday last was the second race for the Cruiser Championship, and "Curlew," by getting second place to "U and I," is consolidating her position in the "prize money." With the points she got for her "first" in the race round Lamma she now has a fair lead; for the boats which were second and third in the Lamma race did not do so well round the island.

"Wanderer," which I saw was described in one report as the "laggard of the fleet," did very well till her top-mast went over the side. She seemed to be footing it as fast as "La Cigale," though it must be admitted the latter had not been up on the slip for some time.

When "Wanderer's" sails have stretched and she is enabled to trim her sheets somewhat more correctly, I think she will be found always in the first three or four of the fleet. Great credit was due to her skipper, Mr. Grist, and his crew, which contained Mr. Shields, the Club's Commodore, for the workmanlike manner in which they cleared away the wreckage and jury rigged the yacht to enable a topsail to be set and so complete the course.

Race to Macao

The Boxing Day race to Macao over a course of 70 miles will see a very good turn out, as I understand the following will be waiting for the starting gun at 7.30 on Wednesday morning next—"La Cigale," "Azuma," "U, and I," "Isis," "Wanderer," "Norseman," "Queen Bee," "Feathers," "Curlew," "Typhoon," "Coquette" and possibly Lady Jean.

The mark boat off Macao is very kindly being put in position by the Netherland Harbour Co. and will carry the Club's ensign by day and display 3 lights—green—white—green—by night. Members are reminded that they must carry a lifebelt for each member of their crew and show the usual navigation lights—a white light at mastshead and stern—when under way during darkness. Members who require extra lifebelts may obtain them from the Club No. 1 after Sunday next, spare belts having been made available through the kindness of Capt. Davison, R.N.R., of the Canadian Pacific Co. The limit for the race has been set at 1 a.m. of Friday, December 28, but with anything like a breeze I anticipate the first boat being back near to midnight of Boxing Day.

With the "Time on Time" system of handicapping, a close finish will probably result, and I rather fancy "Queen Bee," "La Cigale," "Feathers"—if there be a good breeze, "Coquette," if the wind is N. W. and then backs after the fleet have rounded at Macao, to make it a peg to windward all the way home, will be in the picture, but who knows? "Awful deeds are done under the cover of darkness"—and perhaps that crew of pirates on "U and I" may shake the lot. She is to carry three or four holders of extra master certificates I believe. Would not the Gods laugh if she stuck on the putty off San Chau?—Hi Yall!

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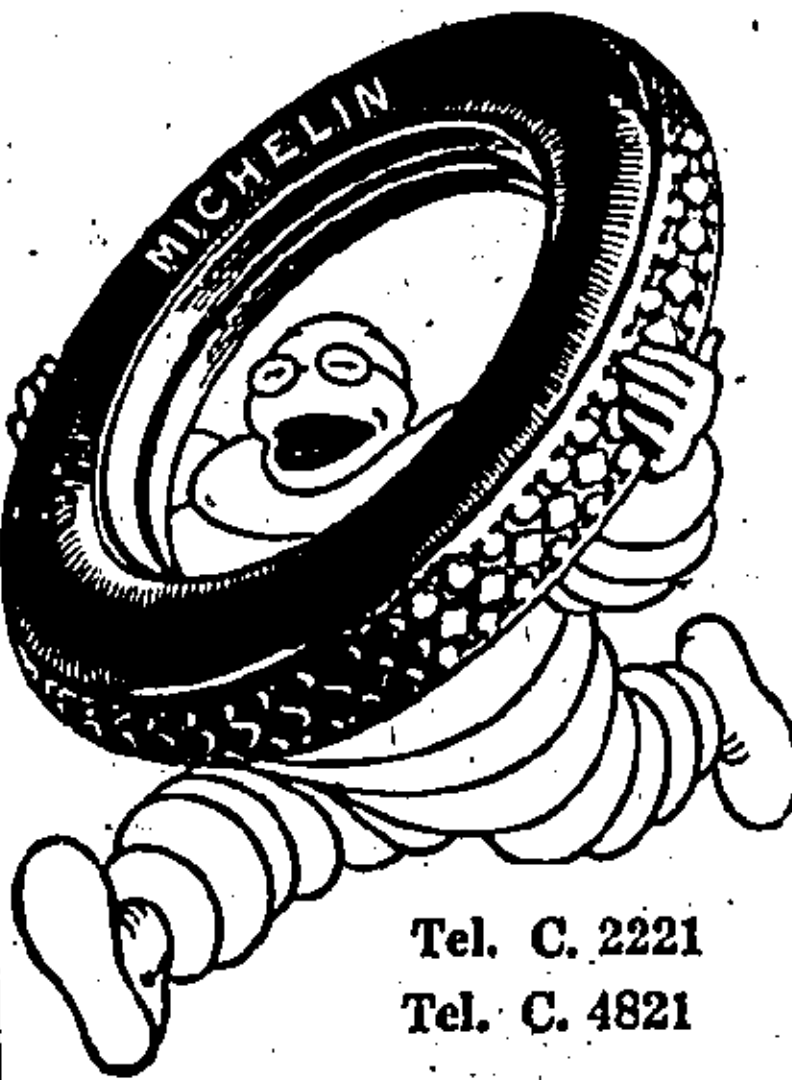
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Daughter of Mexico's President Weds



The wedding ceremony which united Miss Alicia Calles, daughter of Mexico's President, and Mr. Jorge Almada, a rich to right, the President, the ranch owner, in Mexico City. Left bride and bridegroom.

He Smiles at Death Penalty



Jose de Leon Toral, after being sentenced to die for assassinating President-elect Obregon of Mexico. Inset, Maria Concepcion y de la Lata, the so-called intellectual author of the crime. She was sentenced to serve 20 years in penal colony.

Home Rule



Savitri Naidu, the first woman to preside at the opening of the National Congress in India and a leading advocate of Indian Home Rule, who went to the United States to lecture. She is a member of the party organized by Ghandi.

London to Capetown



Squadron Leader A. G. Jones Williams, R.A.F., who has been selected to pilot a plane on a 6,000 miles flight from London to Capetown, in an attempt to break the present record for the flight.

Viscount Peel



Viscount Peel (the Rt. Hon. William Robert Wessley Peel, 2nd Viscount), who was appointed Secretary of State for India to succeed Lord Birkenhead, who retired to go into business.

Noted Violinist



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This latest and approved portrait of Mrs. Herbert Hoover, who will be the first Lady of the U.S.A., next year.

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Horse Show



Rolls-Royce's on the outside and blue-blooded equines on the inside featured the 47th annual New York Horse Show. Top left, some of the green hunter, jumpers, participating in the events; right, Mrs. Gurnsey Curran, Jr., "400" matron, as she appeared watching the judging; and below, Mrs. Robert W. Leeds and Col. Karl de Rommel of the Belgian Army team.

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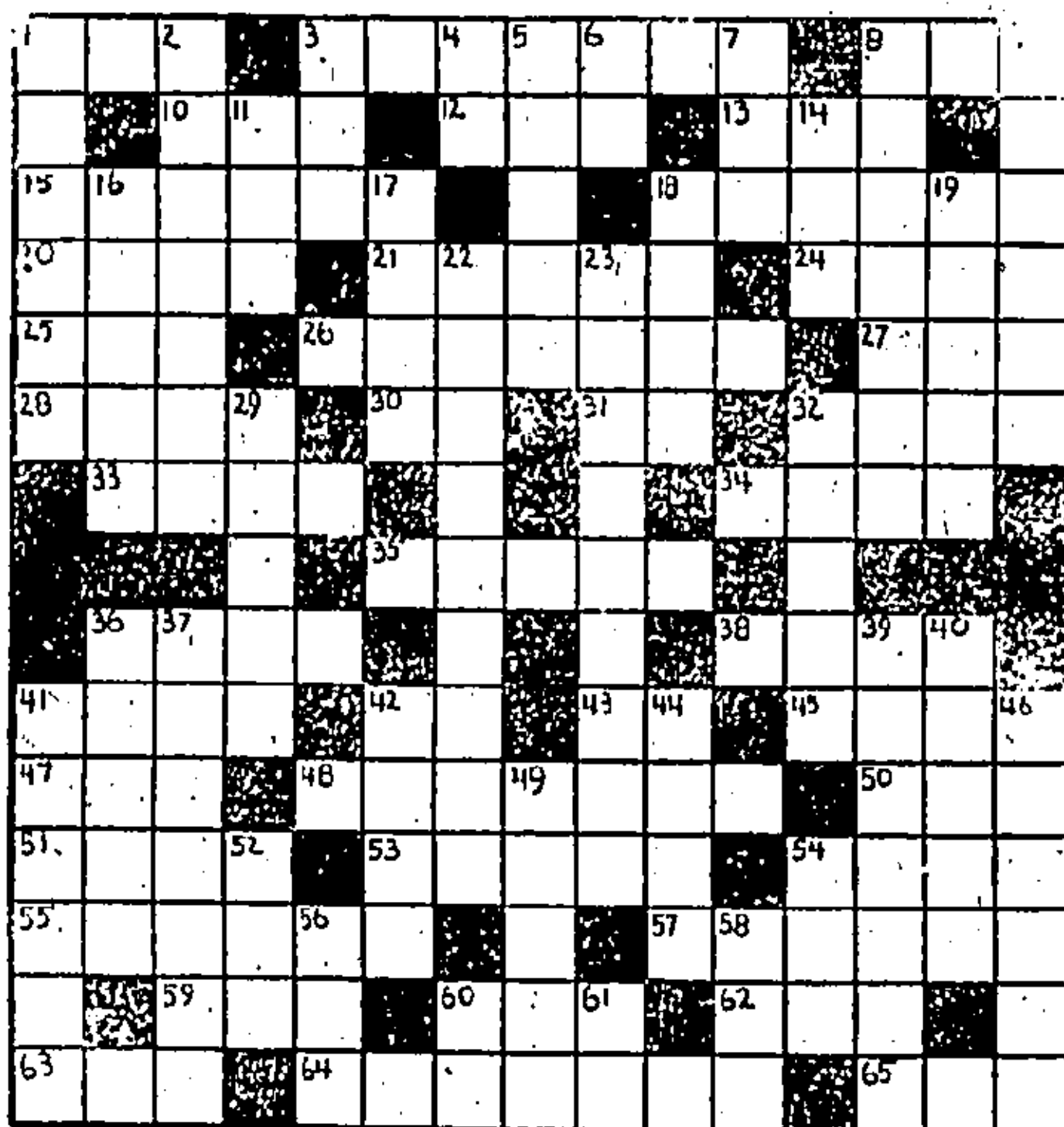
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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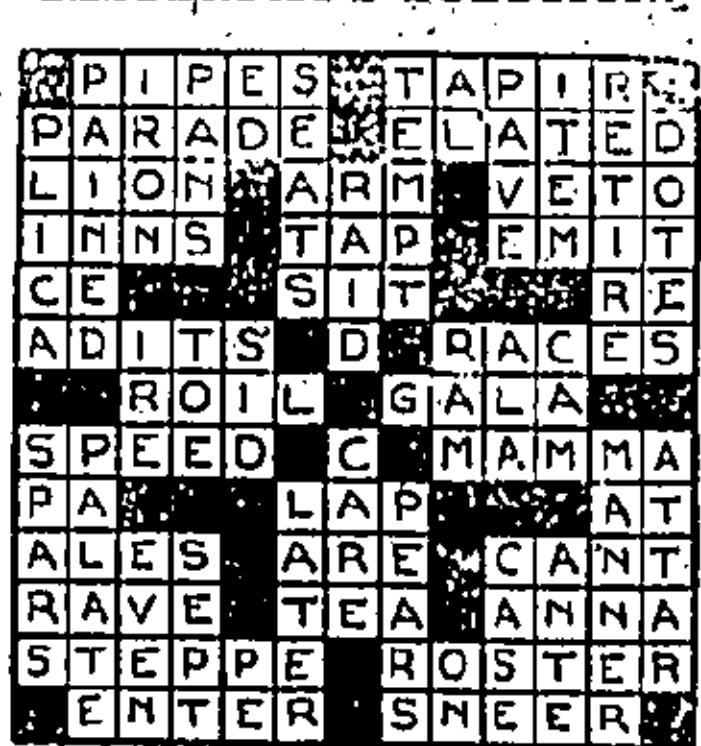
- 1—Dark, thick liquid
- 3—Hauled ashore
- 8—Crude
- 10—A notable period
- 12—Pronoun
- 13—To be obligated
- 15—Wanderers
- 18—Official marks
- 20—Produced
- 21—Musical instrument
- 24—Horned quadruped
- 25—Time
- 26—To be compatible
- 27—Grain
- 28—To smell
- 30—Trade-mark (abbr.)
- 31—Pronoun
- 32—Accustomed
- 33—Bird's home
- 34—Unfettered
- 36—Business representative
- 38—Beseech
- 39—Steering device
- 41—Sustain
- 42—Close relative (shortened)
- 43—Day of the week (abbr.)
- 45—To fly high
- 47—Inlet of the sea
- 48—Leggings
- 50—Single individual
- 51—Trim
- 53—Legal agreement
- 54—Related
- 55—Indicate
- 57—Race of ancient Greece
- 58—Bird sound
- 60—By way of
- 62—Hiding place
- 63—A digit
- 64—Empty talk
- 65—Prepared

VERTICAL

- 1—Head covering
- 2—Turn backwards
- 3—Obstruction
- 4—Like
- 5—Inexpensive
- 6—Pronoun
- 7—Speck
- 8—Compunction
- 9—Used extravagantly
- 11—Color
- 14—Oscillate
- 16—Constellation
- 17—Small mark
- 18—Painful
- 19—One to whom money is paid
- 22—To move into new country
- 23—Appoints
- 29—Composition
- 32—Impels
- 36—Thick soup
- 37—Fiction
- 38—Watching
- 40—Craze
- 41—Robber
- 42—Draft animal
- 44—Careful attention
- 46—Milk coagulator
- 49—Implied
- 52—Also
- 54—Exist
- 56—Creat
- 58—Poem
- 60—Southern State (abbr.)
- 61—Preposition

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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—J. C.

ON SUSSEX DOWNS

[Endless Furrows. Nora Kent. (Hodder & Stoughton, 7/6).]

Adam Harmer working morning, noon, and sometimes well into the night on his father's farm finds nothing to grumble about. After the father's death the farm, Mop-beggers, is sold and Adam and his sister go over to Jersey, and live there for some years. Adam falls in love with Colette and when leaving the island to return to his mother and to help her manage and work a new farm, he swears to come back and claim her as his wife. He works in and becomes most successful and in a few years is the most prosperous farmer in the neighbourhood. Incidentally he married and is happy, but had never quite forgotten Colette. He visits Jersey when his children are quite old and finds Colette has also become very old and decidedly unattractive. Then Adam goes back to England and remains there.

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AN EASTERN TALE

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It is well known that Galland's French version of the Arabian Nights set a fashion for pseudo-Oriental tales which lasted right through the eighteenth century. Voltaire's "Zadig" is a brilliant example which is still read; lesser men produced hundreds, if not thousands, that are known only to those who wander in the by-ways of French literature.

The story now translated by Sir Frank Swettenham from the verse of De la Harpe is a later but typical specimen of the genre. Tanger had three magic instruments, a wallet, a horn, and a girdle; Felma, whom he courted, tricked him out of them; by a stratagem Tanger regained them, and punished the deceitful fair. Sir Frank's English prose is neat, and the reproductions of Marillier's engravings, unusual in that they are tinted and gilt, are much to be commended.

A ROYAL DUKE

[The Life of H.R.H. the Duke of Flamborough, by Laurence Housman, Cape.]

Fake memoirs seem to be the fashion; so many readers may find amusement in Mr. Benjamin Bunny's biography of the mythical Duke of Flamborough. Bunny is really Mr. Laurence Housman, who has very decided ideas on all sorts of subjects which are highly controversial. This burlesque memoir would seem to be aimed at a Royal Family. It portrays an absurd Royal Duke, born near the Rhine, and destined to become the inept, sadly mis-educated commander-in-chief of an army. He contracted a morganatic marriage and shocked his cousin, the Queen Augusta; but as his wife, Mrs. Fitzwilliam, is made to say of him to one of his children in a later chapter, "Even if he had been a crocodile, he would have been harmless!" The whole book is an olla podrida of witty but cruel satire, ending with a queer sort of essay, in which Mr. Housman deplores the alleged incapacity of statesmen to make a proper use of Royalty for the good of the people; and he points the moral by shouting that the Prince of Wales should have been paraded at Amritsar during his Indian tour to observe a "two minutes' silence," bareheaded, on the site of the Amritsar "massacre," which Mr. Housman gets quite warm over, seeming to have seen in the sensible, soldierly action of Dyer (long since absolved of blame) a crime against the Indian People. It is indeed strange how would-be reformers of the Housman type get over-heated on behalf of Brown Brother, and steadfastly overlook that part of the argument which the soldier saw in striking a sharp blow for the protection of White Sister!

The Cafe des Westerns, one of Berlin's most famous Bohemian resorts, has recently been closed. Twenty-five years ago it was crowded with composers, artists, writers, and actors. Here it was that Rupert Brooke wrote "Grantchester."

OLD LONDON CUSTOMS.

[Quaint-Survivals of Old London Customs. By H. E. Popham. (Palmer, 6s. net.).]

Mr. Popham rambles about the City and its immediate environs, and his information is entertaining and not unseasonably surprising. Probably few Londoners know that a public-house by Farringdon-street station still possesses a pawnbroker's licence, the tradition being that King George III. wanting ready money on one occasion, left his watch there as a pledge. The Clothworkers' Company puts on its dining table a Corpus Christi cake made, it is said, from an ancient recipe that has come down from distant days of King Edward I.

The nightly ceremony of "The Keys" at the Tower of London is, by abbreviation, wrongly described. The book recalls many quaint observances.

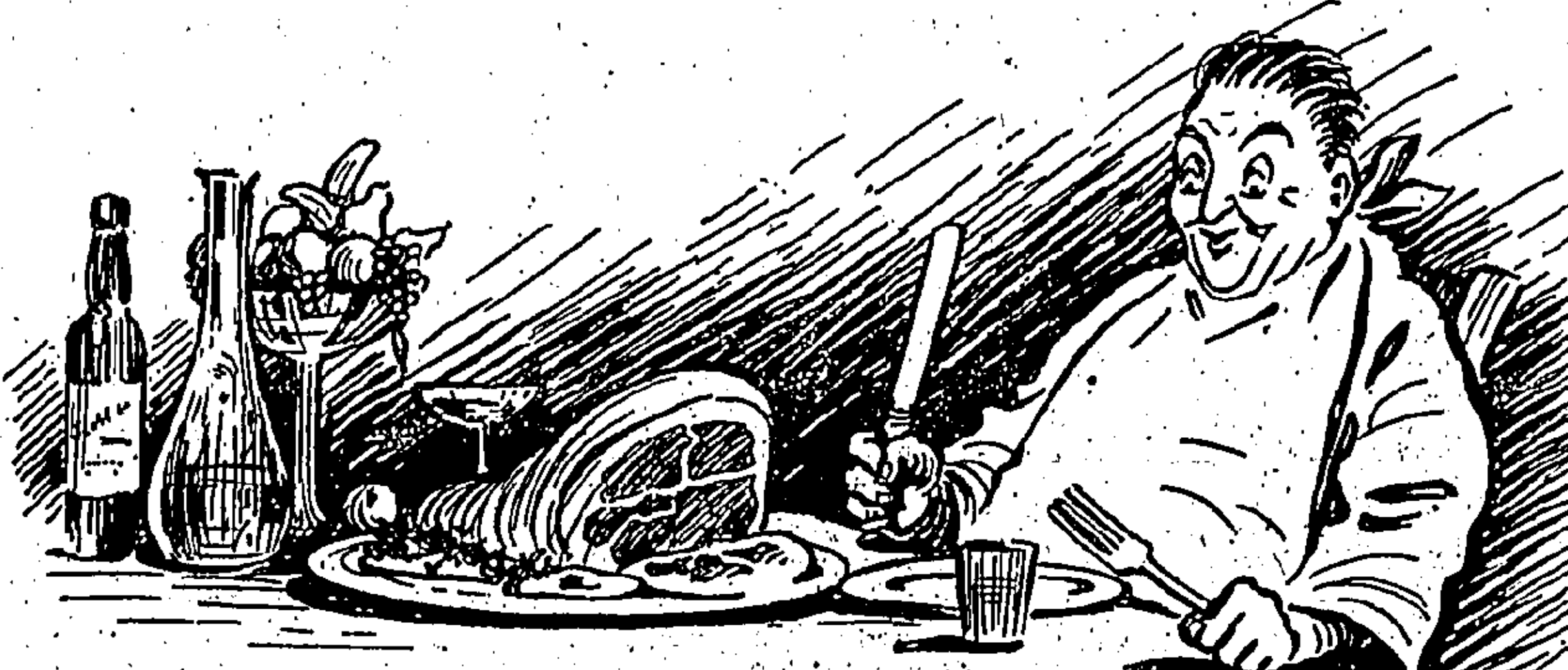
AN ORIGINAL NOVEL

Gustave Lazo certainly gives us something new in his novel, the scene of which is set in Prague. Most of the actors are Jews; others are Gentiles on the outskirts of the amazing conspiracy of which the hero, Marick, is the head. This "conspiracy" is actually a monster religious revival, in which it is planned that at a given signal all the Jews throughout the world shall seize the reins of power in all social services and bring in a new era of happiness for humanity. This part of the story is told with vividness and power that contrast effectively with the light irony of those passages in which the characters are more human in their passions. An exquisite touch of humour is often found, as when the rejected mistress of Marick, who has sworn revenge and becomes a spy, actually hears the Jewish plans outlined, but being a thoroughly stupid and modern woman, dreams a jazy dream and later reports to her employers by wire: "Nix—nothing—all a fiasco—only a religious stunt of some sort. Back to-morrow—Sophie." For those who can appreciate Jewish subtlety, here is an excellent

Mr. Coolidge Bids Hoover "Goodbye"



When Mr. Herbert Hoover departed from Washington, D.C. for his California home, he visited Mr. Coolidge at the White House, where he said "Goodbye" and posed together on the lawn, as shown in this photo.—P. & A. Tse Chailin).



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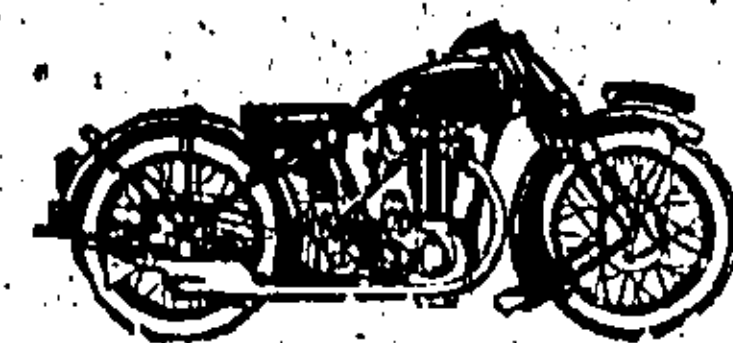


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There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes, and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays, and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

It is hereby notified that telegrams conveying Christmas & New Year Greetings to the United States & Canada will be accepted from now and until 2nd January, 1929, inclusive, at special reduced rates; for particulars apply to the Radio Office, P. & O. Buildings.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.	President Jackson
Shanghai and Swatow		Sinkiang
Swatow		Darcolla
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London, 22nd Nov. and parcels, 15th Nov.)	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23.	Kalyan
Straits		Hakone Maru
Straits	MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.	Sulsang
Manila		President Pierce
Shanghai and Amoy		Linan
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 1st Dec.)		Hector
Amoy	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.	Talamba

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
Amoy	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.	Kluikang 1.30 p.m.
Swatow		Chakiang 2.30 p.m.
Saigon		Solvien 3.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Wing Lee 2.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow		Kochow 4.30 p.m.
Manila		President Jackson 4.30 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow		Kayling 5 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei		Hutchow 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23.	Hiram 8.30 a.m.
Swatow		Hydrangea 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia		Kalyan 9 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow		Canton Maru 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.	Hakone Maru 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 23rd Jan., 1929. K.P.O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.		Hector
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 14th Jan., 1929. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		President Pierce
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London, Yesterday.
Prince George, aboard the s.s. "Berengaria," arrived at Southampton this afternoon, when it was revealed that the cake made in honour of the Prince's birthday during the voyage was auctioned and re-auctioned and then subdivided into minute pieces.
It realised £1,067 on behalf of the Miners' Relief Fund.—Reuter.
[H.R.H. Prince George, the King's youngest son, celebrated his 26th birthday on the 20th inst. He is well-known in Hong Kong, as he was a lieutenant on the China Station and attached to H.M.S. "Hawkins." He left Hong Kong a little more than a year ago.]

FANCY DRESS SOCIAL

HAPPY GATHERING AT KOWLOON

SUCCESSFUL COMPETITORS

A Fancy Dress social meeting, held under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Church Young Men's Club took place at the Church Hall last evening, when a large gathering of members and friends were present.

The hall was tastefully decorated with coloured streamers and flags, while Chinese lanterns lent appropriate lighting effects. The stage was "dressed" for the occasion.

A dance opened the programme, followed by games and competitions, in which young and old took part.

An item rendered by members of the newly formed Ladies' Club, was deservedly well received, and a sketch presented by the Y.M. Club and the Ladies' Club, was a splendid termination to a very enjoyable evening.

A large number of those present were costumed in fancy dress, and considerable variety was displayed. A March Past was staged, and afforded those not in costume, and also the judge an opportunity to scrutinize the costumes more closely.

Prizes were presented to the successful competitors, the presentation being made by Mrs. W. W. Rogers, wife of the Vicar.
Miss M. White, as a "Gypsy" girl, won the first prize for the ladies' fancy costume, and Master E. MacNider as "Parcel Post" was awarded the prize for the gentlemen.

FORGED NOTES

FURTHER EVIDENCE AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY

11 ALLEGED TRAFFICKERS

Mr. Ho Pun-ze, an official of the Central Bank of China at Canton, was called as a witness to give evidence at the Central Magistracy yesterday against eleven alleged traffickers in forged bank notes.

Witness told the Court that he had had nine years' banking experience, being latterly in charge of the Issue Department of the Nationalist Bank as its assistant Superintendent. He stated that the two exhibits bearing impressions of the front and back of a Central Bank ten-dollar note were fairly good forgeries.

Witness contended that the impressions could have been produced from the two copper plates shown in Court. The signatures of the two Bank officials also could have been produced by the zinc plates, while the tracing on a piece of celluloid film resembled the scroll work on the forgeries.
Detective Sgt. Fitches deposed of the different raids carried out by the police on the evening of No. 15-16, resulting in the arrest of defendant.
The case was adjourned.

Lord Derby opened an X-ray department, an operating theatre, and a new ward at Brompton Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Fulham-road, S.W.

HOLBORN EXPLOSION DAMAGE

WHO IS TO BLAME?

GAS COMPANY DISAVOWS WHAT THEY DECLARE

THE G.P.O.'S TUNNEL

London, Yesterday.
The Board of Trade, in a statement, say that an inquiry will be held into the cause of the Holborn explosion.

Meanwhile there is keen controversy regarding the responsibility. The Gas Company not merely disavows liability but declare that they will send the Postmaster General a big bill for damages. They contend that the first explosion occurred in an old tunnel, used to carry post-office cables and damaged gas-mains.

The Postal officials decline to make a statement.

Underground Rumbles

Nightmare conditions still prevail in Holborn. The devastation is accentuated by squads of workmen operating with pneumatic drills to unearth pipes, accompanied by intermittent underground rumblings. Here and there crimson and yellow fire is issuing in leaping pillars from fissures in the roadway.

Unlucky Ones

Melancholy groups of inhabitants are discussing the disaster, which has ruined their Christmas trade. A few of the more optimistic have reopened their shops, notwithstanding.

"FRESH AND FINE"

North east winds, fresh, fine, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel.

ing that the public are not permitted to approach.

The ophthalmic hospital nearby is practically without fires, steam or gas. Operations are impossible, and the patients are being fed on tinned foods.
Prince's Theatre is bemoaning the loss of £700 at each cancelled performance.—Reuter.

Sealing The Gas Main

Masked workmen this afternoon succeeded in sealing up the great gas main beneath the road in High-street, Holborn, from which gas had been pouring since the explosions that did so much damage occurred yesterday.

After the main had been sealed the flames which had been spouting up in the centre of the road for 30 hours were put out.

The authorities dared not put them out before as flames acted as a safety valve by consuming the escaping gas.

Experts and officials are of opinion that although some risk of further explosion still exists the greater danger has now passed.
Police, firemen, ambulance men and gas officials are still on guard lest further explosions should occur.

One great point which has yet to be settled about the explosions is the primary cause.

The Gas Company emphatically repudiate responsibility. They state that the trouble began in a duct conveying the telegraph cables of the Post Office where electrical work was in progress and express the opinion that the first explosion was due to gas generated by the insulation on the electric cables and that this explosion damaged the gas mains and caused further trouble. It is understood that a government inquiry will be held to establish responsibility.—British Wireless Service.

LT. H. J. SCOTT, M.B., R.N.

An official communique from Shanghai states that it is feared there is little chance now of Surgeon Lieut. H. J. Scott, M.B., R.N., of H.M.S. "Cricket" being found. He may have been taken into the native city (adjoining the French Concession) or he may have fallen overboard while returning to his ship.
Military and civil police are continuing the search for traces of him.

LOVE LEADS TO SORROW

CRUDE TRAGEDIES

A SQUALID TRIAL OF DEATH AND RUIN

SELF-CONTROL LACKING

London.—A father's timely and energetic onslaught on a barricaded gas-filled bedroom at Peckham saved the lives of his youthful son, Leonard Clifton, and the latter's fiancée. The couple were to be married at Christmas, and had purchased a boat repairing business and household furniture. This is one of a series of double love tragedies within a few days, two of which terminated fatally.

The first of these two took place at Hombidge, in Somersetshire, where, according to the evidence at the inquest, a farmer named George Kingston, aged 37, was courting Gladys Martin, aged 17. The girl's father forbade the friendship because Kingston swore.

The enraged lover, bearing a gun, forced his way into the Martins' house late at night. Gladys, who was in bed, jumped up and rushed downstairs past Kingston, who followed and shot her in the presence of her mother and then committed suicide in an empty cottage nearby. Kingston's father testified that his son was more or less demented as the result of his war service.

A verdict of murder and suicide

Married Man and Nurse
The same verdict was returned at a Gamberwell inquest on a 22-year-old nurse named Winifred Rumble and a 40-year-old engineer named Geoffrey Hartnell, a married man, who were found shot dead in a house at Peckham, Ry.

BREWER AFFAIR

A YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT IN WEST AFRICA

TERM COMPLETED

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Brewer, the second officer of the steamer "Clan Lamont," who was arrested in Portuguese West Africa on a charge of theft and against the severity of whose sentence a strong protest was made by the British to Portuguese authorities, has been released after completing his term. It is understood that he suffered from fever contracted during his imprisonment.
The belief was widespread that the conviction was unjustified. Mr. Brewer, while awaiting trial and serving his sentence, was in prison 300 days as a result of a charge of stealing goods valued at £1.
The matter is still receiving the attention of the appropriate authorities.—British Wireless Service.

M. MOISEWITSCH

ENGAGED TO A SHANGHAI LADY

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The engagement is announced of M. Benno Moisewitsch, the famous pianist who met with much success in his recent visit to the Far East, to Miss Annie Gensburger of Shanghai.—Reuter.
[Moisewitsch was first married in 1914 and has two daughters.]

TRANSPORT ARRIVES

H.M.'s transport "Neuralia," with the 2nd Batt. South Staffordshire Regt. on board and bound for service in the North China command, arrived here at 10 a.m. to-day from Singapore.

Owing to an outbreak of infectious disease on board, the troops were not permitted to come ashore.

In a reserved decision at Pontypridd (Glamorgan) County Court, Judge Rowlands gave judgment for the Great Western Railway Company in an action in which a number of miners sued for damages for loss of wages on the failure of the company to run a workmen's train to scheduled time.

Miss Bullen has left St. Mary's Home to take up other work in the town, and the committee are considering the appointment of a successor. Miss Bullen has worked as matron at the Home for some five years, and was very popular with the girls.—Singapore Cathedral paper.

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